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"Attack on Titan" Character Introduction

TITANS

Beings that prey on humans. Not much is known about the mode of life of these creatures, other than that their intelligence is low and they eat humans. Generally, their height varies from about 3 to 15 meters* high, which is why it was thought they wouldn't be able to get over the human-created wall, but one day, the intelligent "Colossus Titan," over 50 meters tall, appeared...

*10-50 feet



Armin Arlert
Eren and Mikasa's childhood friend. Armin is physically weak and feels that his two friends have protected him since they were children.



Mikasa Ackerman
Mikasa graduated at the top of her training corps. Her parents were murdered before her eyes when she was a child. Afterward, she was raised alongside Eren, whom she tenaciously tries to protect.



Eren Yeager
Longing for the world outside the wall, Eren aims to join the Survey Corps. For some reason, he is now able to turn himself into a Titan.



Grisha Yeager
A doctor and Eren's father. He went missing after the Titan attack five years ago.

A century ago, the human race built three secure concentric walls, each over 50 meters tall.* This successfully secured a safe, Titan-free territory for humans. However, five years ago, a huge Titan, taller than the outer wall, suddenly appeared. After it broke through the wall, many smaller Titans found their way in, forcing the humans to abandon their outer wall. Currently, the sphere of activity of the human race has been reduced to the area behind the second wall, "Wall Rose."

* 164 feet

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WHOOOOOOOM

!!

SON OF A BITCH !

IT FINALLY CROAKED ?!

RUMBLE

DODGE!

ONE MORE'S COMING FROM BELOW!

CHFF

...WE GOT ONE ...

LEAN

KRAK

FWOOOOOOO

MITABI'S SQUAD, FORM UP!

DA DA

KEEP YOUR DIS-TANCE FOR NOW!

I'M JOIN-ING UP WITH MITABI'S SQUAD!

MIKA-SA, RE-PORT-ING!

EREN ?!

YOU'RE IN THERE, AREN'T YOU?!

EREN, WAKE UP!

EVERY-THING WILL END HERE!

PRICKLE PRICKLE

IF YOU STAY IN THERE, THE TITANS WILL KILL YOU!

ARMIN... I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

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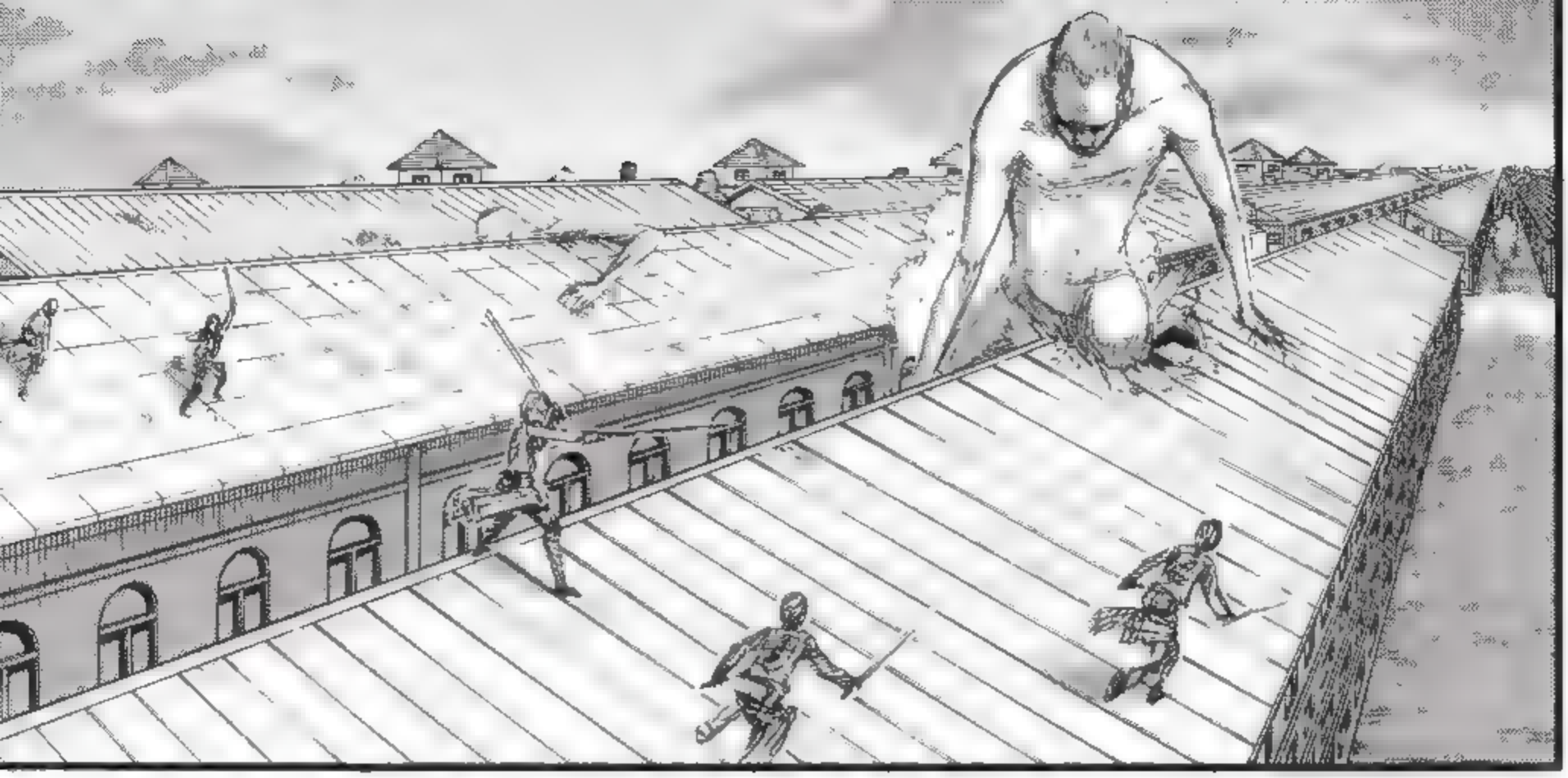
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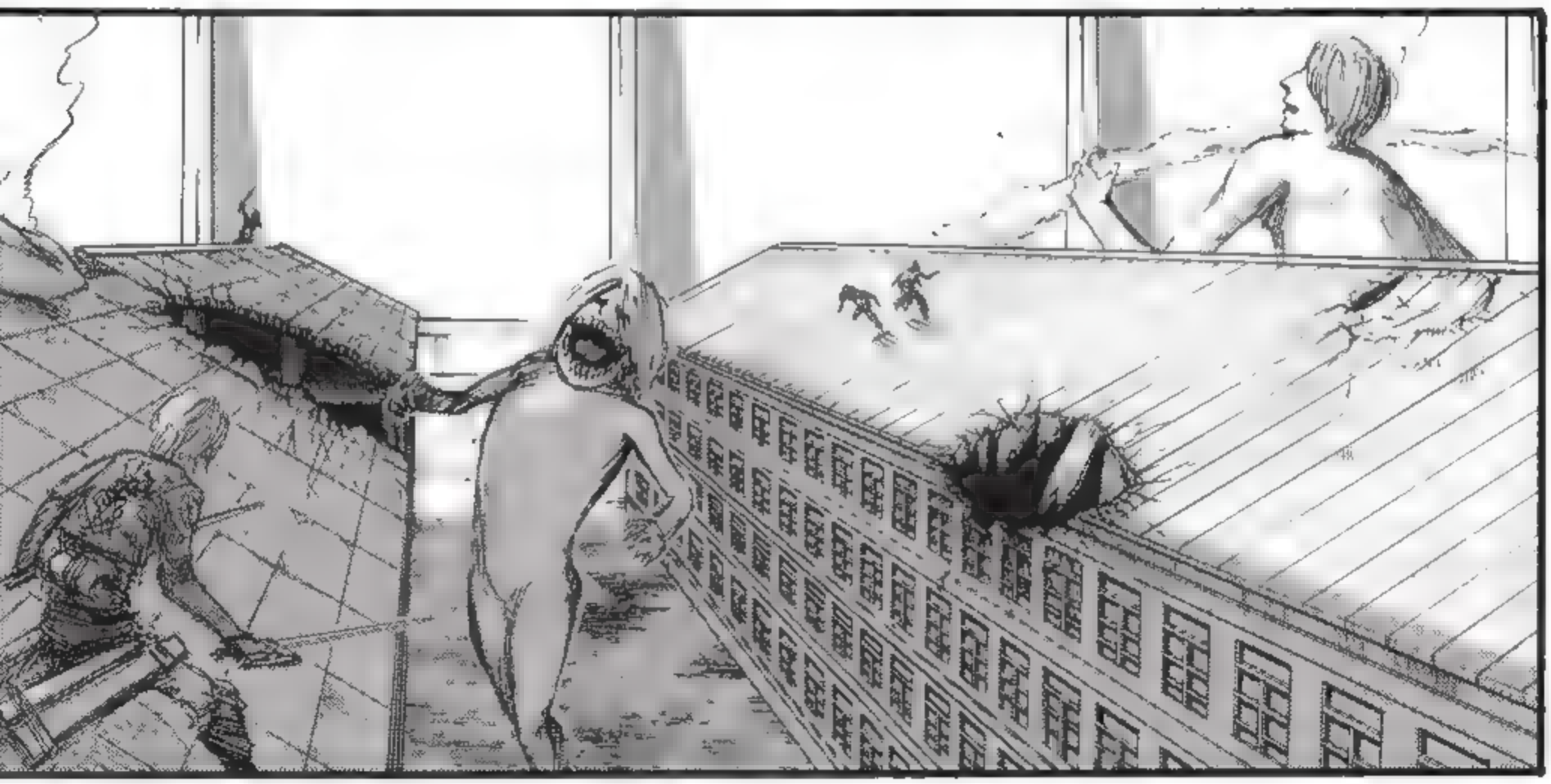
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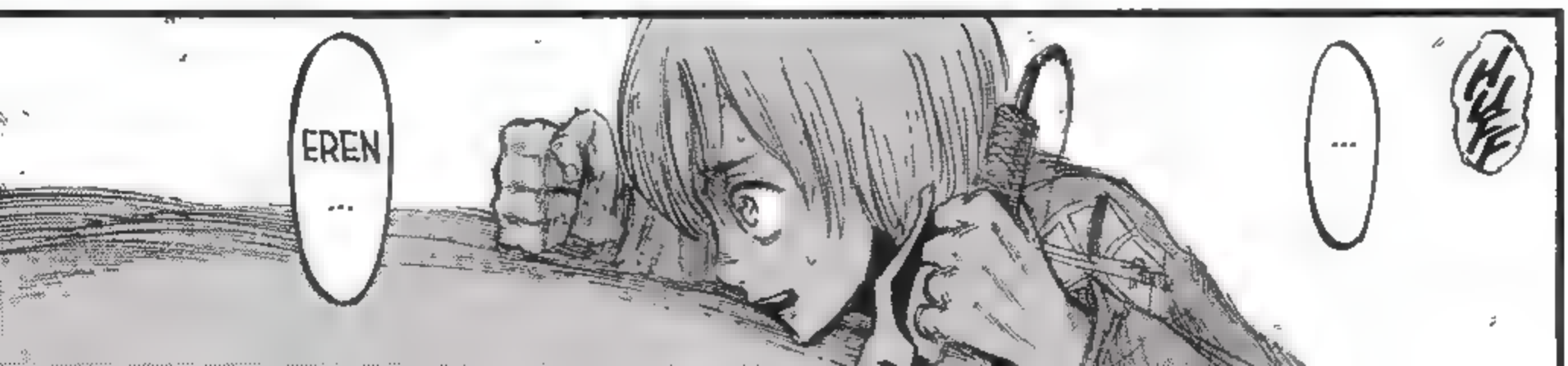
WHY BOTHER GOING OUTSIDE ...?

THAT'S RIGHT.




HUFF
HUFF




EREN
...
...
HUFF

...WE'RE GOING TO EXPLORE THE OUTSIDE WORLD, AREN'T WE?

SOME-DAY...

THE PLAINS OF SAND...

THE LAND OF ICE ...

TO SEE THE BURN-ING WATER ...

WE'LL GO FAR, FAR PAST THE WALL...

...OUT-SIDE WORLD ?

THE...

...

...BUT YOU REALLY STOPPED TALKING TO ME ABOUT THIS STUFF BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT ME GOING INTO THE SURVEY CORPS, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D FORGOT-TEN...

EREN... ANSWER ME.

FWUMP

...SO WHY DID YOU...

...EVER WANT TO GO TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD?

YOU ALWAYS KNEW HELL WAS WAITING FOR YOU ONE STEP OUTSIDE THE WALL..

...

...

WELL, THAT'S...

WHY...?

...

THAT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT...?

IT'S BECAUSE...

...I WAS BORN INTO THIS WORLD!!

FWHOOOO

...!!

WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT!!

FOR NOW, RETREAT TO THE ROCK!!

PAK

RIP

SQUAD LEADER ... IT'S OVER.

WHUD

WHUD

?!

OUR NEXT STEP DEPENDS ON EREN'S CONDI-TION!!

WITH-DRAW FOR NOW!!

FWISH

SLIP

FIVE TITANS... ARE COMING THROUGH THE GATE!

FSSS

FSSS


CRUNCH

CRUNCH

EREN...

CRUNCH

AND NOW... HE'S TRYING TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTY...!!

EREN WON !!

AR-MIN !!

WSH

MULTIPLE TITANS APPROACH-ING FROM THE REAR!!

...IT'S VICTORY FOR US!!

FWOOOOOOOO

IF WE COVER EREN 'TIL HE REACHES THE GATE..

FWAH!

DEFEND HIM TO THE DEATH !!

...!!

RWWWWWWWWWWWW

EVEN IF IT MEANS ALL OUR LIVES, PROTECT EREN UNTIL HE GETS TO THE GATE!!

UHUD

?!

YOU TWO GO WITH HIM!!

WHAT ?!

GOT IT?!

... YES, SIR!!

THAT'S AN ORDER!!

SHADER

?!

WHAT ARE THEY ...?!

MITABI'S SQUAD ...?!

FWOOOOOO

WE HAVE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH FOR THEM TO SMELL US!!

THE TITANS AREN'T HUNTING US!!

IF YOU DON'T TURN AROUND, I'M GONNA STICK MY BLADE RIGHT UP YOUR STINKIN' ASS!!

HEY! LOOK OVER HERE!

RUN !!

GET TO THE BUILDING !!

WHUD

HERE THEY COME!!

TWO OF 'EM!!

THAT'S

NO ...

WITHOUT HORSES OR BUILD-INGS, THEY CAN'T FIGHT!!

WHAT ARE THEY...?! STAYING ON THE GROUND IS SUICIDE!!

...THE ONLY WAY LEFT.

FWOOOOO

I DON'T CARE HOW CLOSE YOU GET! WE HAVE TO MAKE THEM TARGET **US!!**

FOLLOW MITABI'S LEAD!!

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

MY BODY...

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

...FEELS LIKE IT'S GONNA BE...

...CRUSHED...

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

MIKASA...

ARMIN...

...?!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

...THE TITANS'LL EAT YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?

IF YOU STAY THERE...

HUFF

HUFF

WHY DID YOU WANT TO GO...

...TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, EREN?

...ALL OF US...

...ARE FREE.

CRUNCH

WHEN WE'RE BORN...

CRUNCH

HUFF

HUFF

...DON'T MATTER.

PEOPLE WHO REJECT THAT, NO MATTER HOW STRONG THEY ARE...

...WOULD BE THE FREEST...

...PERSON IN THE WORLD.

ANYONE WHO SAW THOSE THINGS!..

THE BURNING WATER, THE LAND OF ICE...

ANYTHING WILL DO.

HUFF

FIGHT!!

HUFF

...OVER SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

WHO'D VALUE THEIR LIFE...

...HOW TERRI-FYING THE WORLD IS.

IT DOESN'T MATTER...

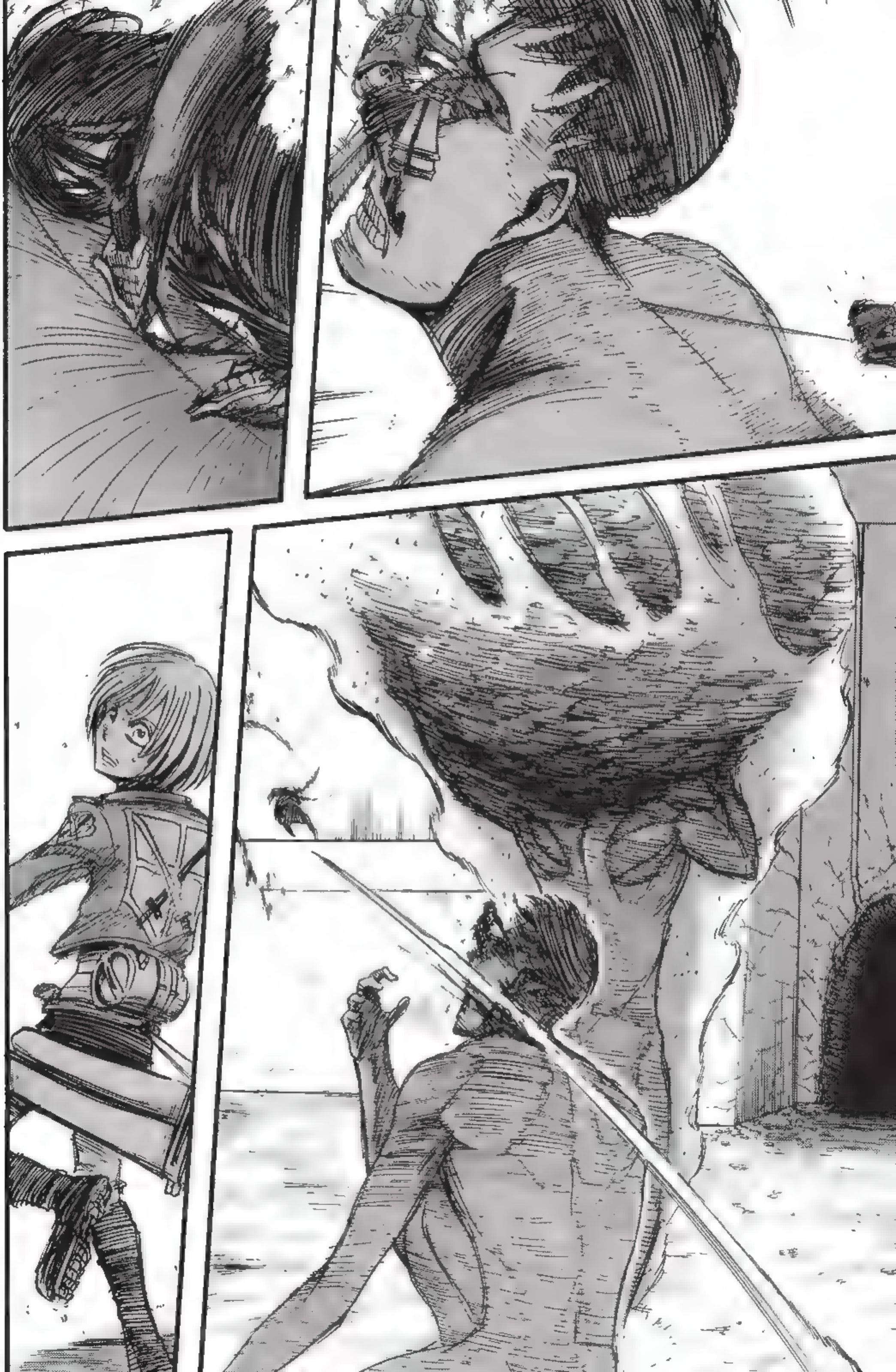
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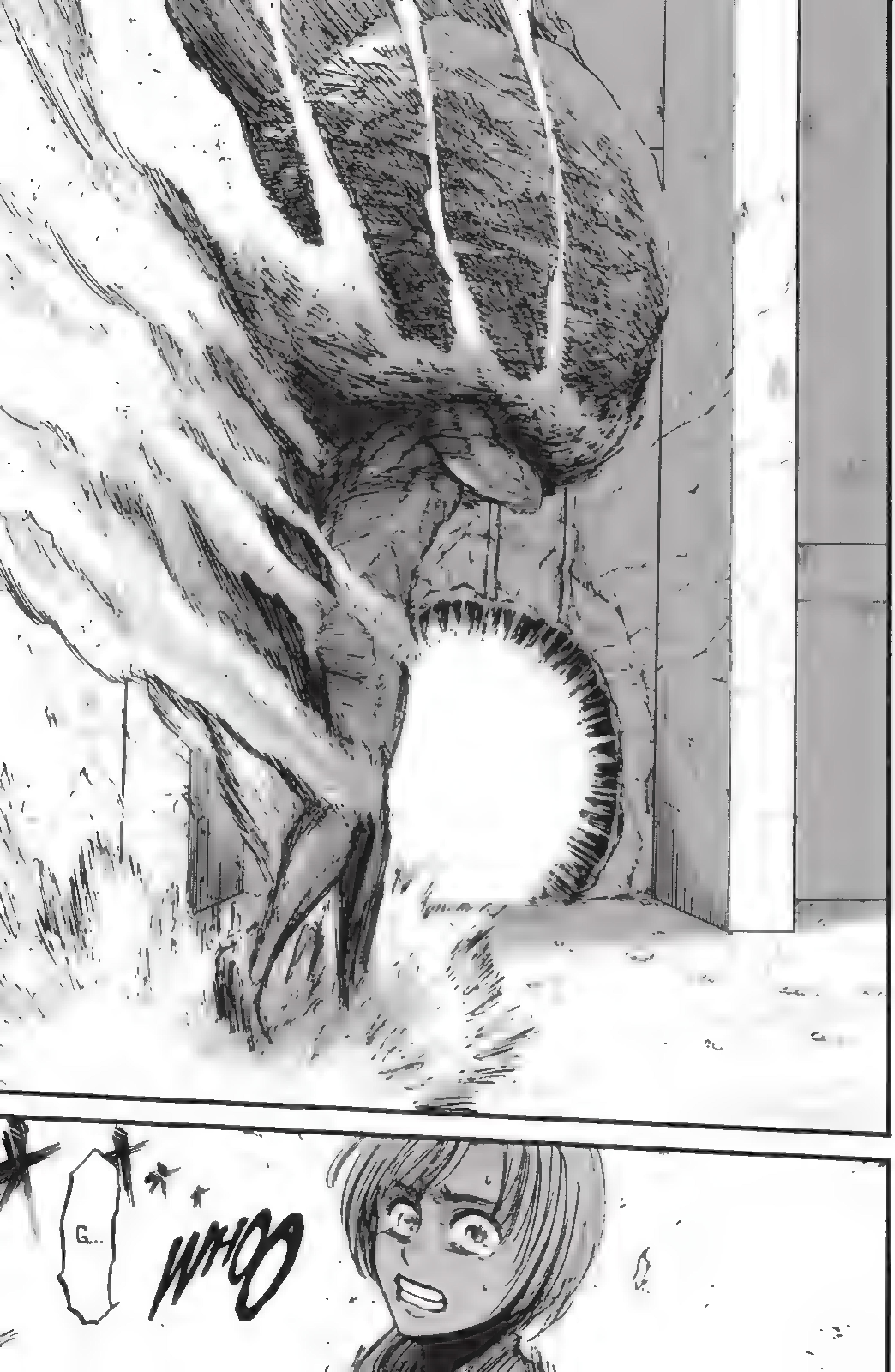
...HOW CRUEL THE WORLD IS.

FIGHT!!

CRUNCH

FIGHT!!




G...

GO, LEUZ!!



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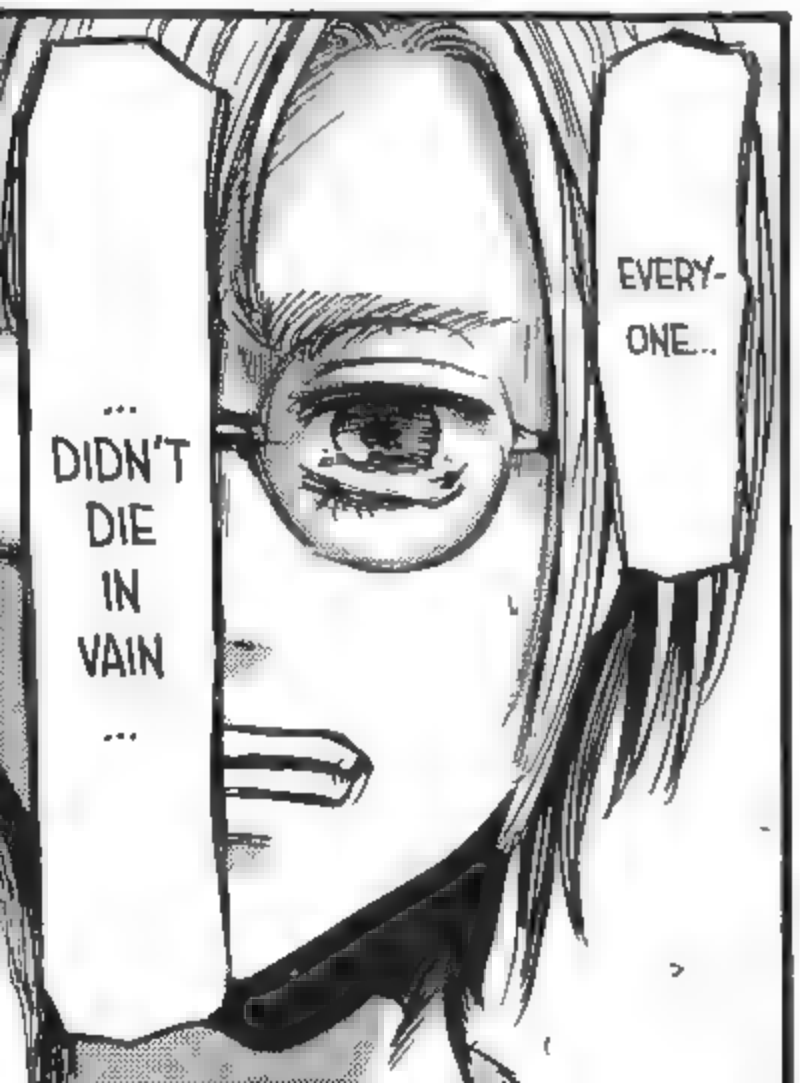


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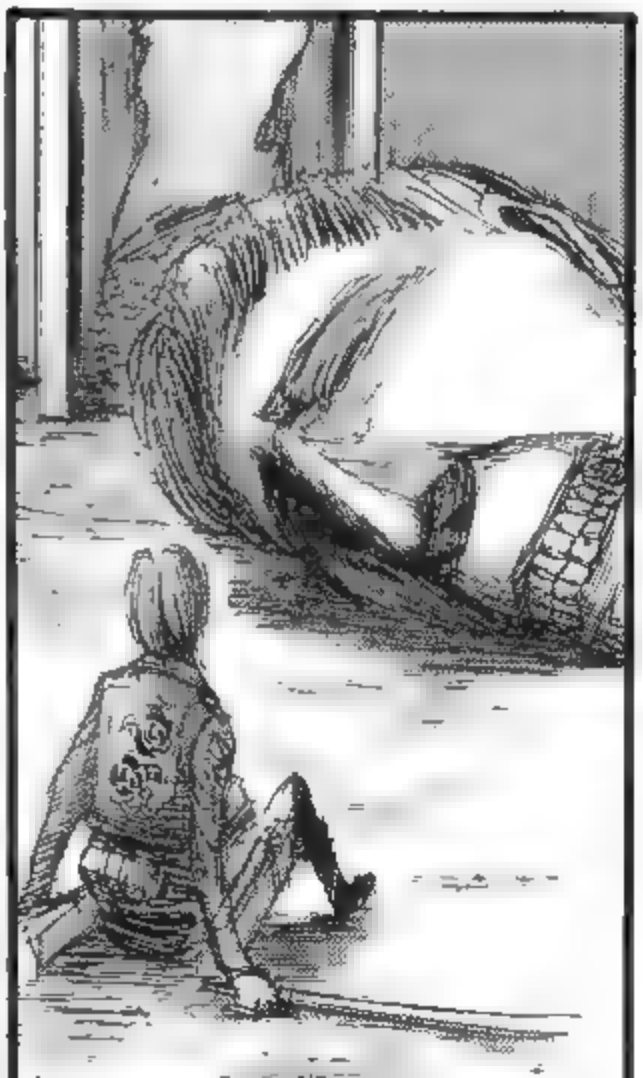

CRACK






...
DIDN'T DIE IN VAIN
...
EVERY-ONE...


...



...
VICTORY.

...
WON ITS FIRST
...

TODAY, THE HUMAN RACE
...

PSH

SEND IN RE-INFORCE-MENTS NOW!!

おおおお

HOA

...THE OPERA-TION WAS A SUCCESS.

LOOKS LIKE...

YELLOW FLARE CON-FIRMED
...

RESCUE THE ALPHA SQUAD!!

I'LL WITH-DRAW AS SOON AS EREN IS RE-COVERED !

FUWOOOOO

THE OTHER TITANS ARE COMING! WE HAVE TO CLIMB THE WALL!!

SNAP SNAP

IT'S HOT !!

BFFFFFF

I CAN'T PULL HIM OUT!

DAMN IT! PART OF HIM'S FUSED WITH THE TITAN!

W-WAIT !!

WE'LL HAVE TO CUT HIM OUT!

HE HAS AN UN-BELIEV-ABLE FEVER! IF WE DON'T HURRY UP AND CLIMB THE WALL ...!

ARMIN! HOW'S EREN ?!

OOF
...

UNGH
!!

!!

AH...

FWOO

ARMIN
!!

EREN
!!

!!

FWISH

SLASH

SLASH

!!

WHUD

WHUD

HUH ?

THAT'S ...

FIAP

MIKASA ?!

THE WINGS...

...OF FREEDOM...

WHAT'S ...

BRATS ...

HEY ...

FSSS

SHHH

SSS

...THE SITUATION HERE?

THE SURVEY CORPS AND THE GARRISON'S MILITARY ENGINEERS CAME CHARGING IN, AND THANKS TO THEM...

...WALL ROSE ONCE AGAIN HELD OFF THE TITANS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE HUMAN RACE HAD STOPPED A TITAN INVASION. IT WAS A REMARKABLE DEED, BUT...

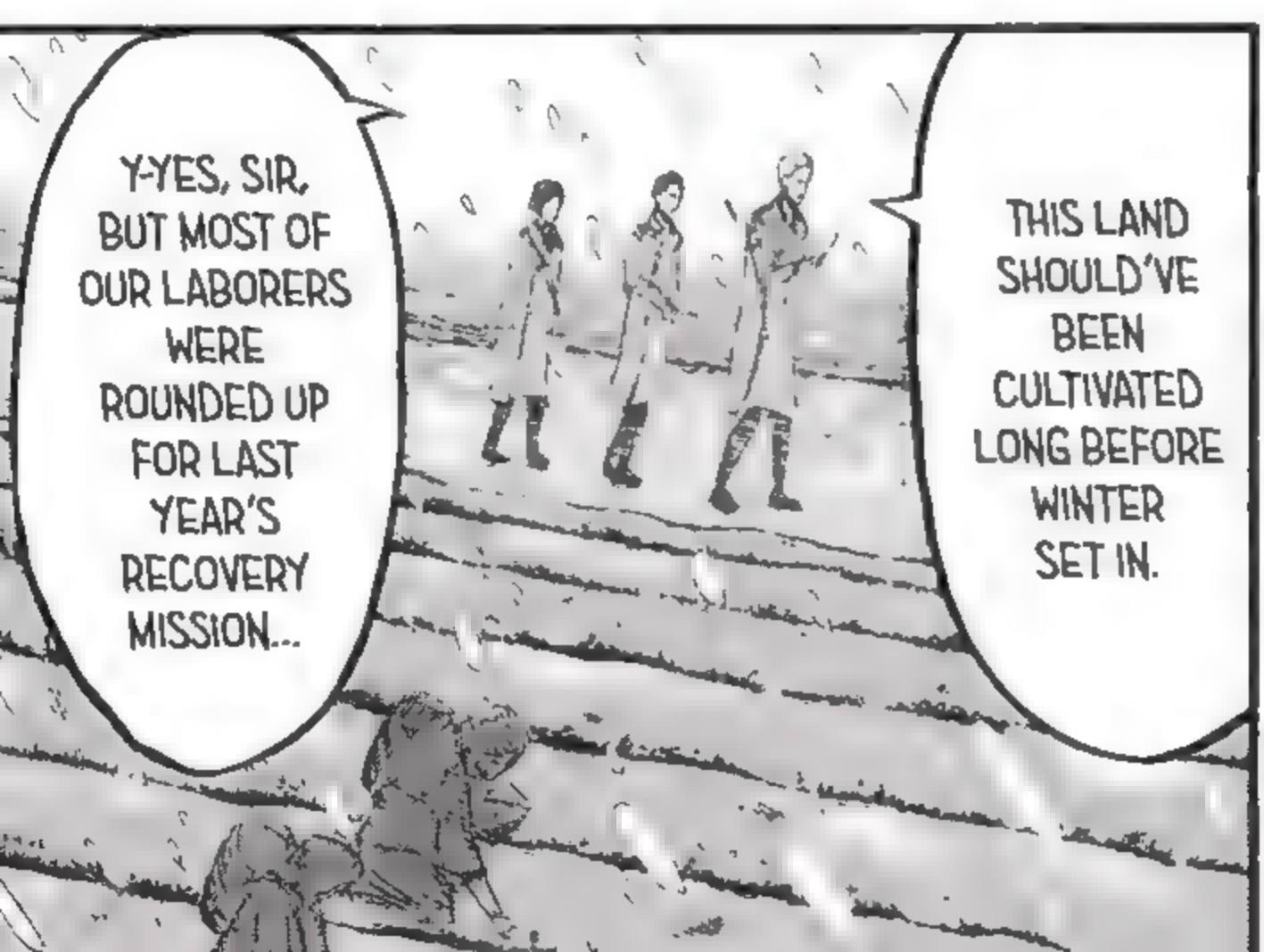
...FAR TOO MANY LIVES WERE LOST FOR THEM TO REVEL IN THE VICTORY.


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Y-YES, SIR. BUT MOST OF OUR LABORERS WERE ROUNDED UP FOR LAST YEAR'S RECOVERY MISSION...
THIS LAND SHOULD'VE BEEN CULTIVATED LONG BEFORE WINTER SET IN.



AT THIS RATE, WE'LL ALL STARVE TO DEATH...

M-MY APOLO-GIES, SIR!

I REALIZE THAT, BUT YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. IT'S YOUR DUTY TO MEET YOUR PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS.

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

YOU KIDS ...

WHAT MORE CAN THEY ASK THE ELDERLY AND THE CHILDREN TO DO ...?

...BUT LOOK AT HOW THEY PUFF OUT THEIR CHESTS.

THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE'S NEVER EVEN SEEN A TITAN...

...

FWWOOOO

MAKE SURE YOU NEVER BECOME A SOLDIER LIKE THAT...

YOU DO YOUR MILITARY TRAINING THIS YEAR, DON'T YOU?

FWWOO

ARMIN, WHAT'S WRONG ?

...!

...
LOOK
...

AND NOW ...

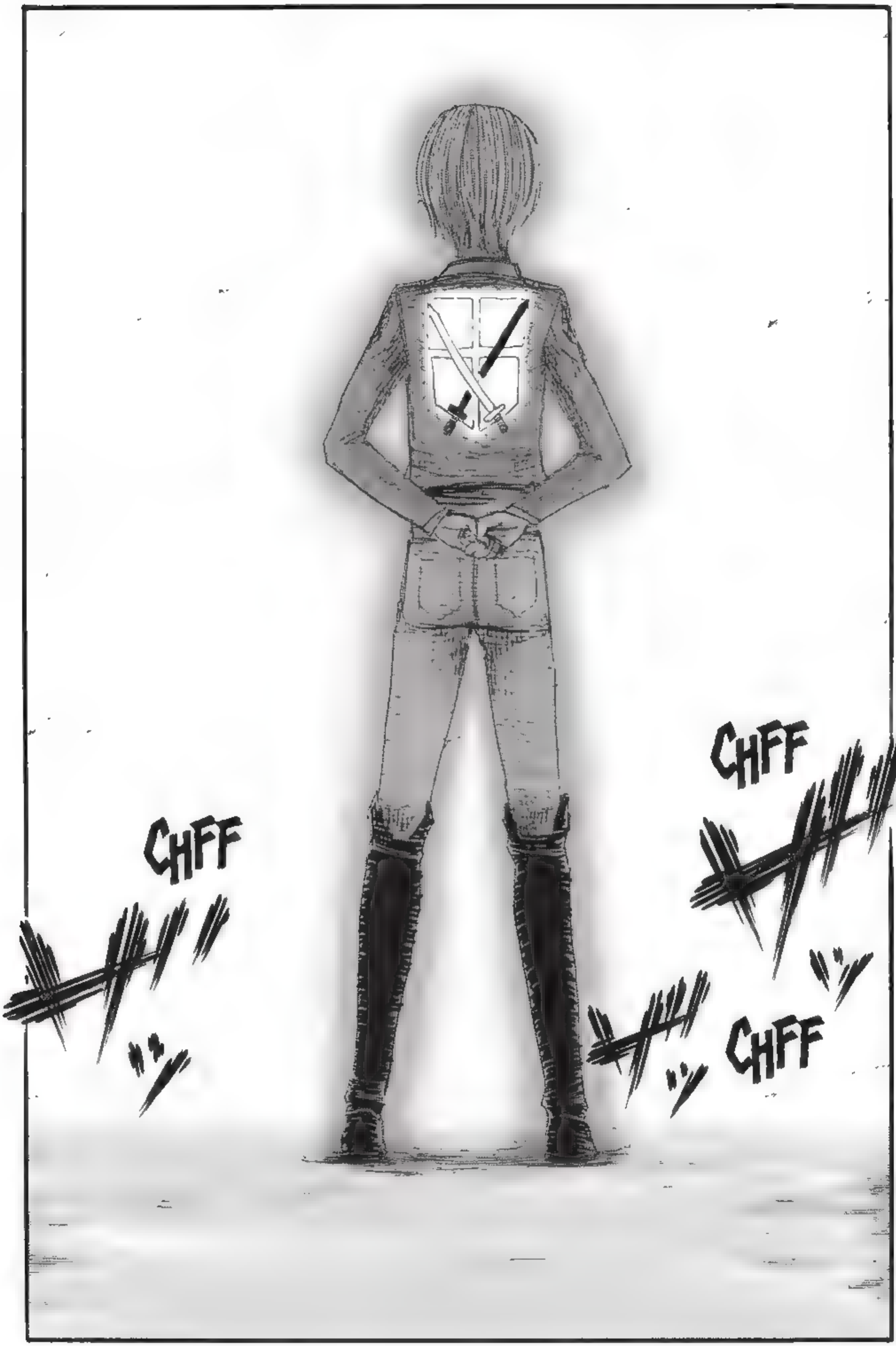
"RE-COV-ERY MIS-SION" ... THE LIARS ..

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

MY PARENTS WERE MUR-DERED SO THERE WOULD BE FEWER MOUTHS TO FEED...


CHFF
CHFF
CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

SIR!

HEY.

MAGGOT.

ARMIN ARLERT OF SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, SIR!!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAGGOT ?!

MY GRAND-FATHER DID, SIR!

YOUR PARENTS GIVE IT TO YOU ?!

RUMBLE

IS THAT RIGHT?! WHAT A DUMB NAME!!

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU COME HERE FOR?!

FWOOO

ARLERT!

I THINK I'M GONNA MAKE YOU TITAN CHOW, MAGGOT!

GRAB

WELL, THAT'S MIGHTY AD-MIRABLE !!

TO MAKE MYSELF USEFUL IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMANITY'S VICTORY, SIR!!

...!!

SHTK

ROW 3, TURN AROUND!

CHFF

SIR!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAGGOT?!

FIAP

BUT... WHAT'S THE POINT OF INTIMI-DATING THEM...?

SURE IT WAS.

IT WAS LIKE THAT FROM THE START WHEN YOU WENT THROUGH TRAINING TOO, WASN'T IT?

LOOK AT 'EM...

YOU'VE GOT TO THROW OUT EVERYTHING THAT PERSON WAS AND START OVER WITH A CLEAN SLATE IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A SOLDIER.

IT'S A RITE OF PASS-AGE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT TO THOSE WHO'VE AL-READY BEEN THROUGH A RITE OF PASSAGE.

YEAH ...

?...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S LEAVING SOME OF THEM ALONE.

THEY'VE GOT A DIFFERENT LOOK ON THEIR FACES.

THEY'RE PROBABLY THE ONES WHO SAW HELL FIRSTHAND TWO YEARS AGO.

WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?!

JEAN KIRSTEIN FROM TROST DISTRICT, SIR!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAG-GOT?!

...AND LIVE IN THE INTERIOR, SIR.

TO GET INTO THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...

...

YES, SIR!

I SEE! YOU WANT TO GO TO THE INTERIOR, DO YOU?

YOU THINK SOMEONE WHO FOLDS **HERE** IS GONNA BE ALLOWED INTO THE MPB?!

STAGGER

HEY! WHO GAVE YOU PERMIS-SION TO SIT DOWN?!

HMPH !

!!

KRAK

MARCO BOTT, JINAE TOWN, WALL ROSE SOUTH DISTRICT, SIR!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MAGGOT ?!

...AND DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE KING, SIR!!

TO JOIN THE MILI-TARY POLICE BRI-GADE...

WHAT'D YOU COME HERE FOR?!

EXCEPT...

A GOOD GOAL.

THAT'S JUST FINE.

I SEE...

...

YOU, MAGGOT !! WHO'RE YOU?!

NEXT !!

...I'M POSITIVE THE KING'S GOT NO INTEREST IN YOUR SCRAWNY BODY!

CONNIE SPRINGER, SIR!

FWAP

RAGAKO VILLAGE, WALL ROSE SOUTH DISTRICT!

I KNOW THEY TAUGHT YOU AT THE START... THE SALUTE INDICATES YOUR DEDICATION TO SERVE THE COMMON GOOD, HEART AND SOUL!

...

YOU'VE GOT IT BACK-WARDS ... CONNIE SPRING-ER.

SQUISH SQUISH

...

IS YOUR HEART ON YOUR RIGHT SIDE, CONNIE?

...!!

MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

EW

?

MUNCH MUNCH

MUNCH MUNCH

MUNCH MUNCH

MUNCH MUNCH

HEY... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

?!

FWUMP

MUNCH MUNCH

GULP

WHA..?!

CHOMP

...

MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

GULP

?!

WHAT THE HELL'S YOUR NAME?!

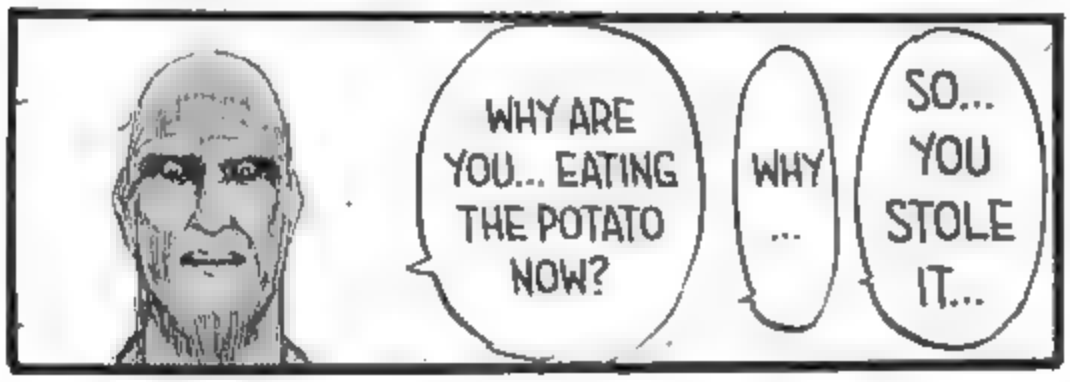
YOU, SCUM! I'M TALKING TO YOU!!



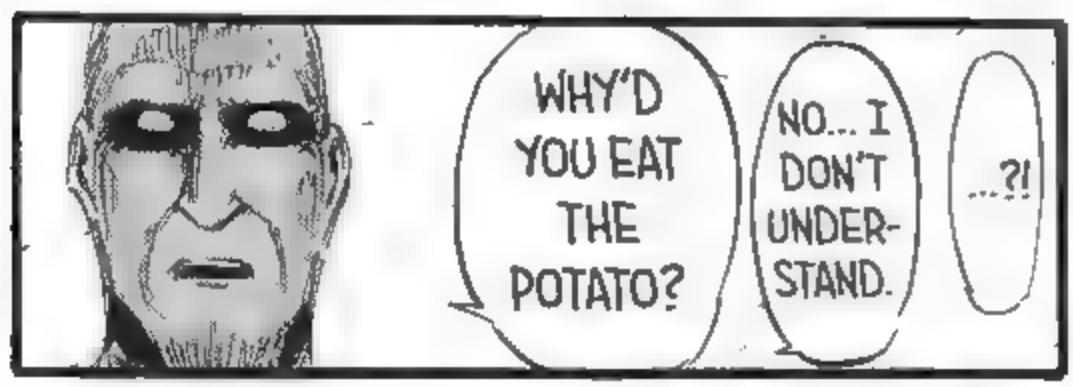


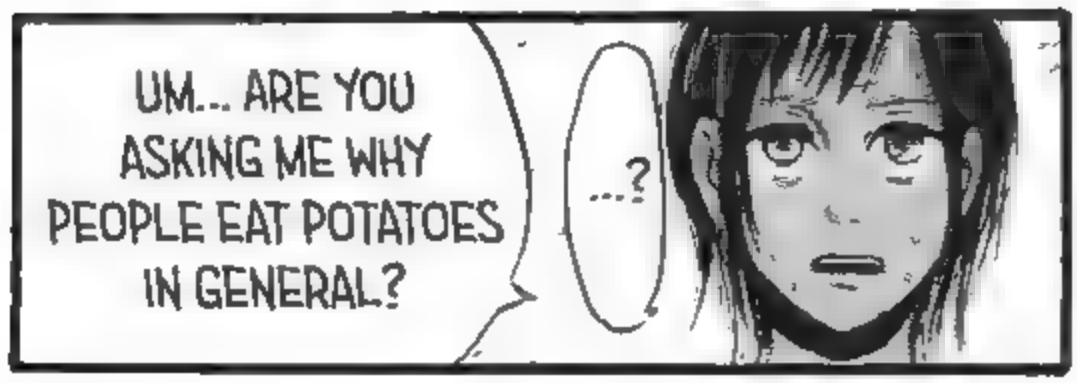

WHAT'S IN YOUR RIGHT HAND?
SASHA BLOUSE ...

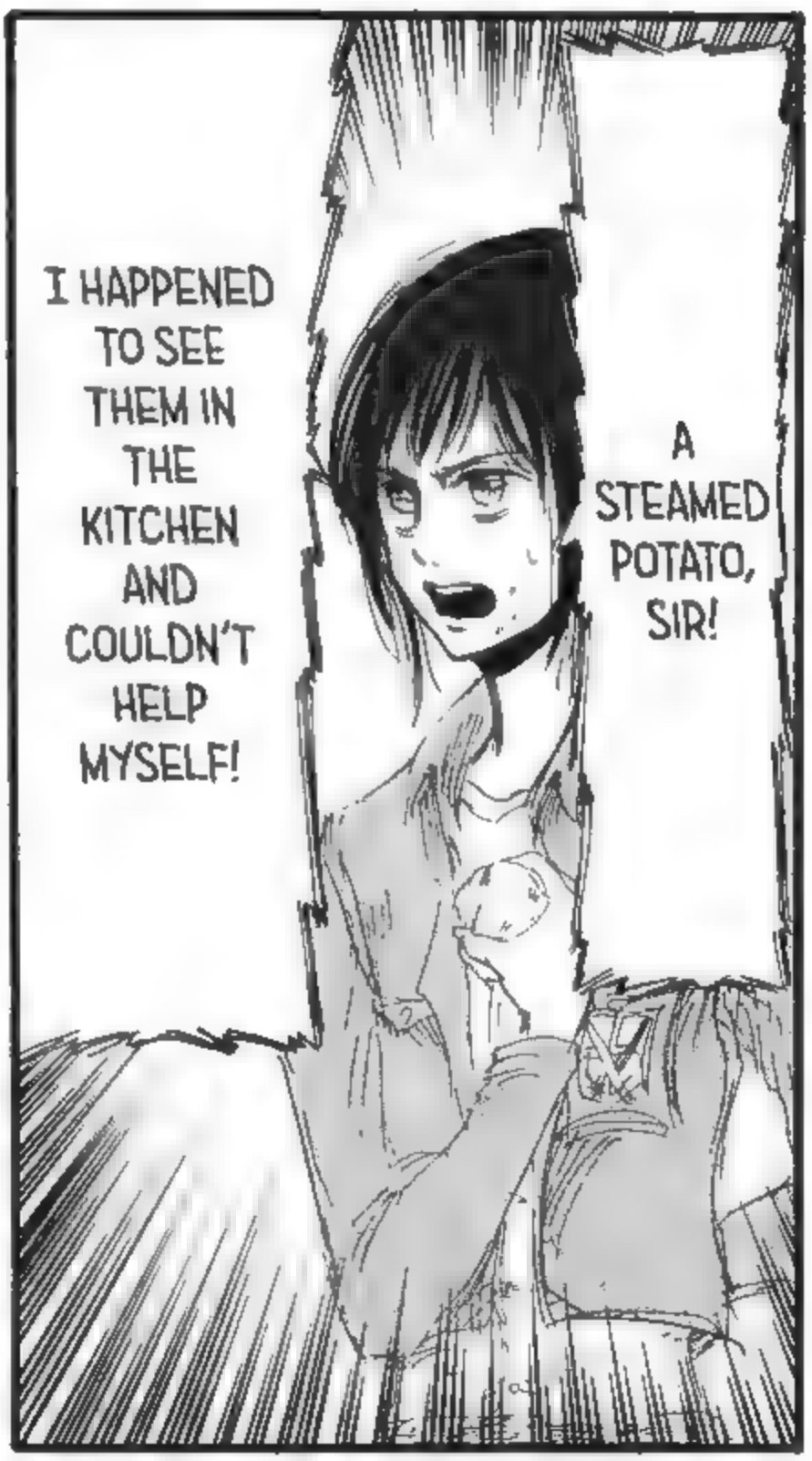

SASHA BLOUSE, SIR!
DAUPER VILLAGE, WALL ROSE SOUTH DISTRICT!!


WHY ARE YOU... EATING THE POTATO NOW?
WHY ...
SO... YOU STOLE IT...


...SO I THOUGHT IT BEST TO EAT IT RIGHT NOW.
...THEY LOSE THEIR TASTE WHEN THEY GET COLD...
...


WHY'D YOU EAT THE POTATO?
NO... I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
...?!


UM... ARE YOU ASKING ME WHY PEOPLE EAT POTATOES IN GENERAL?
...?


I HAPPENED TO SEE THEM IN THE KITCHEN AND COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!
A STEAMED POTATO, SIR!

OH!

!

...

...

?

HALF ...?

H...

YOU CAN ...

... HAVE HALF

WHEW

HE'S STILL GOT THAT POTATO GIRL RUN-NING.

HEY ...

...WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO HER ANGUISHED LOOK THE MOMENT HE SAID SHE DOESN'T GET TO EAT TODAY.

STILL, THE LOOK ON HER FACE WHEN HE TOLD HER TO RUN 'TIL SHE WAS ALMOST DEAD...

WOW. SHE'S BEEN GOING AT IT FOR FIVE HOURS STRAIGHT NOW.

HUH ?

WHERE DID YOU LIVE?

COME TO THINK OF IT, I DIDN'T HEAR WHERE YOU'RE FROM...

I DIDN'T KNOW VILLAGES LIKE THAT STILL EXISTED...

DAUPER... IF MEMORY SERVES, THAT'S A HUNTING VILLAGE WITH A SMALL POPULATION DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.

THEN WE MOVED TO A SETTLEMENT... AND STAYED THERE 'TIL WE WERE 12.

SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, SAME AS HIM.

H-HEY!

DID YOU SEE IT?

THEN...

...REALLY?

...YOU MUST HAVE BEEN IN SHIGAN-SHINA THAT DAY, RIGHT?!

YEAH...

THE COLOSSUS TITAN!

おぉぉぉぉ
OOOOOHHH
HOW BIG WAS IT?!
REALLY ?!
I SAW IT...
I TOLD YOU...
...
NO... IT WASN'T THAT BIG.
THAT'S WHAT MY VILLAGE SAID!
ME TOO !!
WHAT?! I HEARD IT STEPPED OVER THE WALL!
ITS HEAD CLEARED THE WALL..
おぉぉ
OOOHHH
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL IT, BUT IT JUST LOOKED LIKE A REGULAR TITAN TO ME.
I SAW THAT, TOO.
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE "ARMORED TITAN" THAT BROKE THROUGH WALL MARIA?!
IT HAD A HUGE MOUTH, BUT HARDLY ANY SKIN.
WHAT DID ITS FACE LOOK LIKE ?
WHAT DOES A REGULAR TITAN LOOK LIKE?!
THEN... THEN...


CLATTER


ULP
...








HUK!


S-SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO STIR UP PAINFUL MEMO-RIES...
THERE ARE SOME THINGS A GUY DOESN'T WANNA REMEM-BER.
...LET'S KNOCK OFF THE QUES-TIONS, PEOPLE.

RIP!

THAT'S NOT IT...

HM?

IF WE CAN MASTER THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR, THEY'LL BE NO MATCH FOR US!

THE TITANS ARE NO BIG DEAL.

I'M DONE PICKING UP STONES AND PULLING WEEDS! I FINALLY GET TO TRAIN TO BE A SOLDIER!

I WAS JUST CHOKED UP ABOUT IT BEFORE.

O-OH...

AND THEN ...

WHAT, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?

SO I'M GONNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...

...AND RID THE WORLD OF THE TITANS!

DID YOU JUST SAY YOU WERE GOING TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS?

! YEAH... WHY...?

!

YOU'RE THE GUY...

...WHO WANTS TO JOIN THE MILITARY POLICE AND TAKE IT EASY, RIGHT?

Y-
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ME?!

THOUGH YOU ARE ELOQUENT ...

I'M NOTHING IF NOT HONEST ...

BETTER THAN A GUY WHO'S SHAKING IN HIS BOOTS BUT PRETENDS TO BE BRAVE.

I DON'T MEAN TO RILE YOU UP.

HON-
ESTY IS A BAD HABIT OF MINE.

?!

AH, SOR-
RY.

カン カン カン

CLANG CLANG CLANG

ALL RIGHT.

I HAD A CHIP ON MY SHOULDER, TOO.

BUZZ BUZZ

HOW YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE'S YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

I DON'T WANT TO THROW COLD WATER ON YOUR PLANS.

CLATTER

CLANG CLANG

DINNER'S OVER! PUT AWAY YOUR PLATES!

SURE.

THEN LET'S CALL A TRUCE.

SLAP

!

H-HEY, YOU...!

FSH

I JUST HAVEN'T SEEN A FACE LIKE YOURS BEFORE... SO I JUST...

AH... ER...

...

YOU HAVE REALLY BEAUTIFUL BLACK HAIR...

SORRY ...

THANKS

?

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY ...

THAT AGAIN?

RUSTLE

ISN'T THAT HAIR TOO LONG?

YOU COULD GET IN A VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING ACCIDENT.

I TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU FOR ONE MINUTE AND...

WHAT? I WASN'T FIGHTING ...

NGH !!

WIPE

BUT HOW SHORT DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE?

YEAH, I KNOW. I'LL CUT IT.

...?!

WHAT WERE YOU WIPING OFF, ANYWAY ...?

H-HEY!! WHAT'S THE IDEA, USING A GUY'S SHIRT AS A NAPKIN?!

...IN HUMANITY.

MY FAITH...

TRUDGE

FINALLY...

Z"

Z'

Z"

TRUDGE

...FINISHED...

WHEEEE

STAGGER

STAGGER

WHEEEE

...BUT...

I THOUGHT I'D GET TO EAT DELICIOUS FOOD BY LEAVING THE FOREST...

HE REALLY DID MAKE ME... RUN TO THE BRINK OF DEATH...

...I'LL PROBABLY STARVE TO DEATH BY MORNING.

TO EAT SOMETHING... NEW..

I WANTED ...

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

WHUMP

GYAAAA!

WHOOOSH

IT'S...

AH !!

...

BREAD !!

...THAT'S ALL THERE WAS, BUT I SET IT ASIDE...

ANYWAY... YOU'D BETTER DRINK SOME WATER FIRST...

GOD?

HUH?!

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING ?

CHFF

GOD !

YIPE !

GRAB

HEY!

I-IF YOU DON'T KEEP IT DOWN ...

CHFF

ARE YOU ?!

WHAT ?

ARE YOU GOD ?!

ME?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

AND YOU.

HEY, IT'S THE POTATO GIRL.

CHOP CHOP CHOP

UM... THIS GIRL'S BEEN RUNNING ALL DAY, SO...

YOU'RE TRYING TO DO A "GOOD DEED," AREN'T YOU?

HEY...

GIRL ...

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE FEEDING A PET BEHIND YOUR PARENTS' BACKS...

I'VE BEEN IRRITATED EVER SINCE I SAW YOU PALM THE DINNER BREAD...

ZZZz

DID THE SENSE OF ACCOMPLISH-MENT OR HIGH-MINDEDNESS COMPENSATE FOR THE TROUBLE YOU WENT TO?

BUT DID YOU DO IT FOR THE POTATO GIRL?

WHAT ...?

LIKE I KNOW!

HUH?!

RIGHT...?

...BE-CAUSE I WANT TO BE THOUGHT OF AS HELPFUL.

I WANTED TO DO THIS...

I...

WELL, SHE'D BE PRETTY HEAVY FOR YOU.

WHA?!

ANYWAY... LET'S GET POTATO GIRL TO BED.

SO I CAN DEMAND GRATITUDE LATER... I CAN RELY ON HER STUPIDITY.

...DOING A "GOOD DEED"?

WHY ARE **YOU** ...

UM...

...

FWOOOOOOOO

THOSE WHO CAN'T DO THIS AREN'T EVEN FIT TO USE AS BAIT!

KEEP YOUR BAL-ANCE WITH THE FULL BELT ON!

I'LL SEND YOU TO A SETTLE-MENT!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ATTACH A ROPE TO YOUR HIPS AND DANGLE, SCUM!!

FIRST, I'M GOING TO CHECK YOUR APTITUDE!

MM ...

CHFF CHFF

THIS IS THE FIRST BABY STEP, BUT FROM THIS STAGE, YOU CAN ALREADY SEE WHO HAS AN APTITUDE FOR VERTICAL MANEUVERING.

LOOKS LIKE SHE ALREADY GETS WHAT TO DO... THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL NATURAL APTITUDE.

SHE ISN'T QUIVER-ING IN THE LEAST...

LOOK AT THAT GIRL...

...THERE ARE QUITE A FEW WHO CAN DO IT THIS TIME.

MM... LOOKS LIKE...

IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE...

...ANOTHER KIND OF NATURAL APTITUDE.

WHAT ABOUT HIM?

UM ...

...THERE'LL BE SOMETHING YOU'RE WORSE AT THAN ANYBODY ELSE.

RIGHT YOURSELF !!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, EREN YEAGER ?!

HOW DO I...

...GET BACK UP?

TH-THUMP

WHAT'S THIS ...?

TH-THUMP

HUH ...?

TH-THUMP

IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS...

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS...

TH-THUMP


ATTACK
ON TITAN

FWOOO

DON'T TRY TO GET FANCY.

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT IF YOU STICK TO THE BASICS.

EVEN I MANAGED IT, AND I HAVE NO COORDINA-TION AT ALL.

YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU JUST RELAX.

JUST KEEP YOUR BALANCE, WHILE SLOWLY SHIFTING YOUR WEIGHT TO THE BELTS ON YOUR WAIST AND LEGS.

STIFFEN THE MUSCLES OF YOUR UPPER BODY, AND LET YOUR LOWER BODY HANG LOOSE.

GRRRK

GRRRK

GRRRK

GRRRK

GRRRK

HERE YOU GO!

LIFT ME UP, ARMIN!

...I HAVE A FEELING I'LL GET IT THIS TIME.

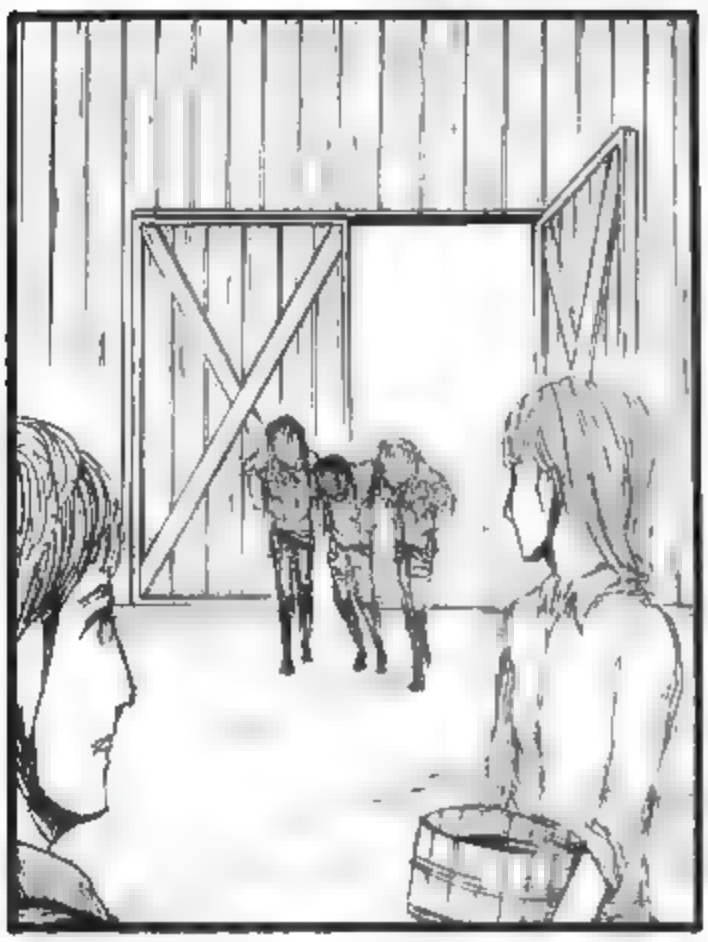
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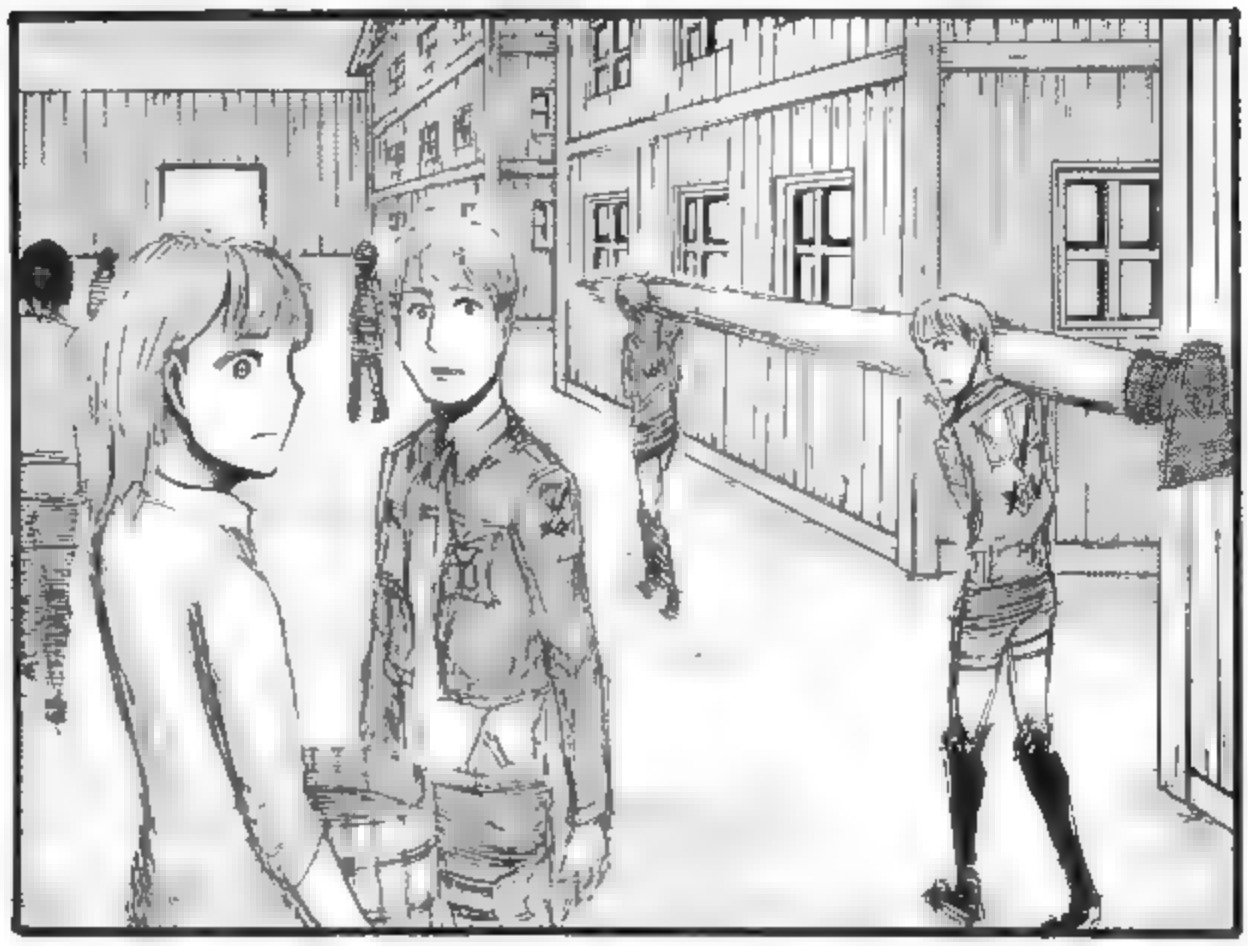
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SHAKE

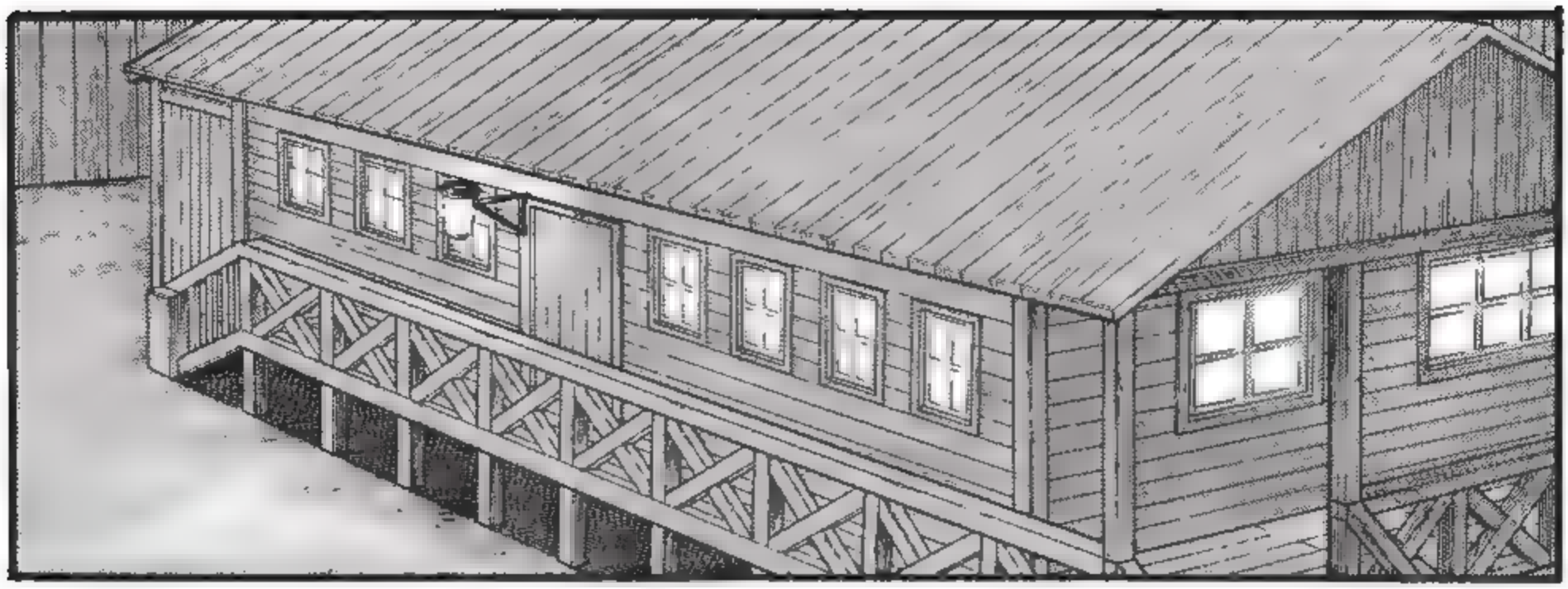
AH!

KRAK





Episode 16: Necessity




BUZZ
BUZZ
AND HE'S ALREADY ALMOST KILLED HIMSELF ON STEP ONE, POSTURE CONTROL TRAINING!
TELL ME ABOUT IT... HOW'S IT POSSIBLE FOR ANYONE NOT TO GRASP THAT?
BUZZ


BUZZ
BUZZ
HEY... LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T THAT GUY...
...SAY THAT HE WAS GONNA WIPE OUT THE TITANS?


OW!
EREN !


GOOD! THERE'S NO REASON TO WASTE FOOD ON HIM!
EREN ...
HOW THE HELL DOES HE PLAN ON SLAUGHTERING THE TITANS ANYWAY?
EREN ...
YOU GOT ME...BUT AT THIS RATE, HE'LL BE KICKED OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE EVEN GETS A SHOT AT IT.
SHAKE
SHAKE

...

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT SO YOUR BODY WILL MAKE MORE BLOOD TO REPLACE WHAT YOU LOST TODAY.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET IT DOWN TOMORROW.

THERE'S NO SENSE LETTING THEM GET TO YOU.

HOW AM I EVER GOING TO...

IT'S PA-THET-IC...

I'M TELLING YOU, THERE'S NO SENSE IN GETTING WORKED UP OVER IT NOW...

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

... TO-MOR-ROW ...

IF I CAN'T DO IT TOMOR-ROW...

... HUH ?!

HM?

YOU SHOULDN'T SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THAT ANYWAY.

...ERADICATE THEM LIKE THIS?

AND ALL YOUR DREAMS AND EFFORTS WILL BE FOR NOTHING.

BECAUSE AT THIS RATE, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO DIE IN VAIN.

IF YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR IT, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

YOU CAN ALWAYS SUPPORT THE HUMAN RACE BY BEING A PRODUCER.

I'M SAYING YOU SHOULDN'T AIM TO BE A SOLDIER.

WHAT'D YOU SAY ...?

...

WHA...?

H-HOW CAN YOU...?

LAYING DOWN YOUR LIFE ISN'T THE ONLY WAY TO FIGHT.

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT ARGUMENT'S GOING TO CHANGE MY MIND?

YOU KNOW WHAT I SAW THAT DAY...

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...YOUR RESOLVE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

BUT ...

...

JERK!

I KNOW THAT ALREADY...!

ULP...

IT'S NOT **YOUR** DECISION WHETHER YOU GET TO BE A SOLDIER, EREN...

WHAT I'M SAYING MUST SEEM RIDICULOUS TO YOU...

SHE'S RIGHT... I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING...

THE TRUTH IS THAT IF I CAN'T DO IT, I'M OUT OF HERE...

CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER

RATTLE

RATTLE

...!

AFTER ALL, YOU MASTER EVERYTHING ON THE FIRST TRY!

SO...

CLANG

ARMIN, LET'S GO.

I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO GO BACK TO THE SETTLE-MENT ALONE, EREN...

I'D GO WITH YOU, SO...

SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

UM...
MM?
THAT MEANS ...
IT'S OKAY IF I EAT THAT, RIGHT?
CLATTER
CLATTER

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GONNA DRAW WATER FOR ME AND KRISTA?

RATTLE

W-WHAT?!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SASHA?!

...

Y-YOU CAN'T USE HER LIKE THAT...

I DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE SAVING YOUR LIFE, DID I?

R-RIGHT! I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, MY BENE-FACTOR AND GOD... HEH-HEH-HEH...

ALL I CAN SAY IS, "FEEL IT."

SORRY, BUDDY, BUT I'M JUST A NATURAL.

A TRICK TO IT?

TELL ME THE SECRET TO KEEPING YOUR SANITY AFTER DISGRACING YOURSELF IN PUBLIC LIKE THAT!

HEY, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME?

FORGET CONNIE AND JEAN. THOSE TWO GUYS OVER THERE ALSO GOT HIGH MARKS.

I THINK THEIR NAMES ARE...

OKAY, OKAY ...

G-GUYS, I'M SERIOUSLY ASKING FOR YOUR HELP HERE...

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
HMMM... THE TRICK TO POSTURE CONTROL ...?
REINER ...
BERTOLT...
I HEARD YOU GUYS WERE GREAT AT IT...
PLEASE!

YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO BET ON TOMOR-ROW...

I SEE ...

...

I DON'T THINK I HAVE THE WORDS OF WISDOM YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

...

SORRY... BUT I DON'T THINK YOU NEED A TRICK TO JUST DANGLE THERE.

YEAH... THAT'S RIGHT...

YOU TWO ARE FROM SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, AREN'T YOU?

SO I DON'T GET WHY YOU WANNA BE SOLDIERS.

THEN YOU PROBABLY KNOW HOW SCARY THE TITANS ARE.

OR EVEN THAT I WAS LEFT AT A SETTLE-MENT...

IT'S NOT THAT I EXPERIENCED THE TITAN MENACE DIRECTLY.

UM...

I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN MY OWN PHYSICAL STRENGTH... I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...

BUT WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT THE MONARCHY RAMMING THROUGH THAT SUICIDAL WALL RECAPTURE OPERATION, I CAN'T SIT STILL...

...WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING.

BUT I CAN'T JUST KEEP QUIET AND WATCH...

WHERE YOU GUYS ARE FROM?

CAN I ASK...

I'M PRETTY MUCH THE SAME WAY...

I-I SEE ...

...ARE FROM A VILLAGE DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS SOUTHEAST OF WALL MARIA.

REINER AND I...

...

IN FACT, WE FIRST LEARNED ABOUT IT WHEN THE TITANS CAME.

YEAH... UNLIKE THE THRIVING TOWNS ALONG THE RIVER, WE DIDN'T GET WORD RIGHT AWAY THAT THE WALL WAS BROKEN.

WHAT?! THAT'S ...

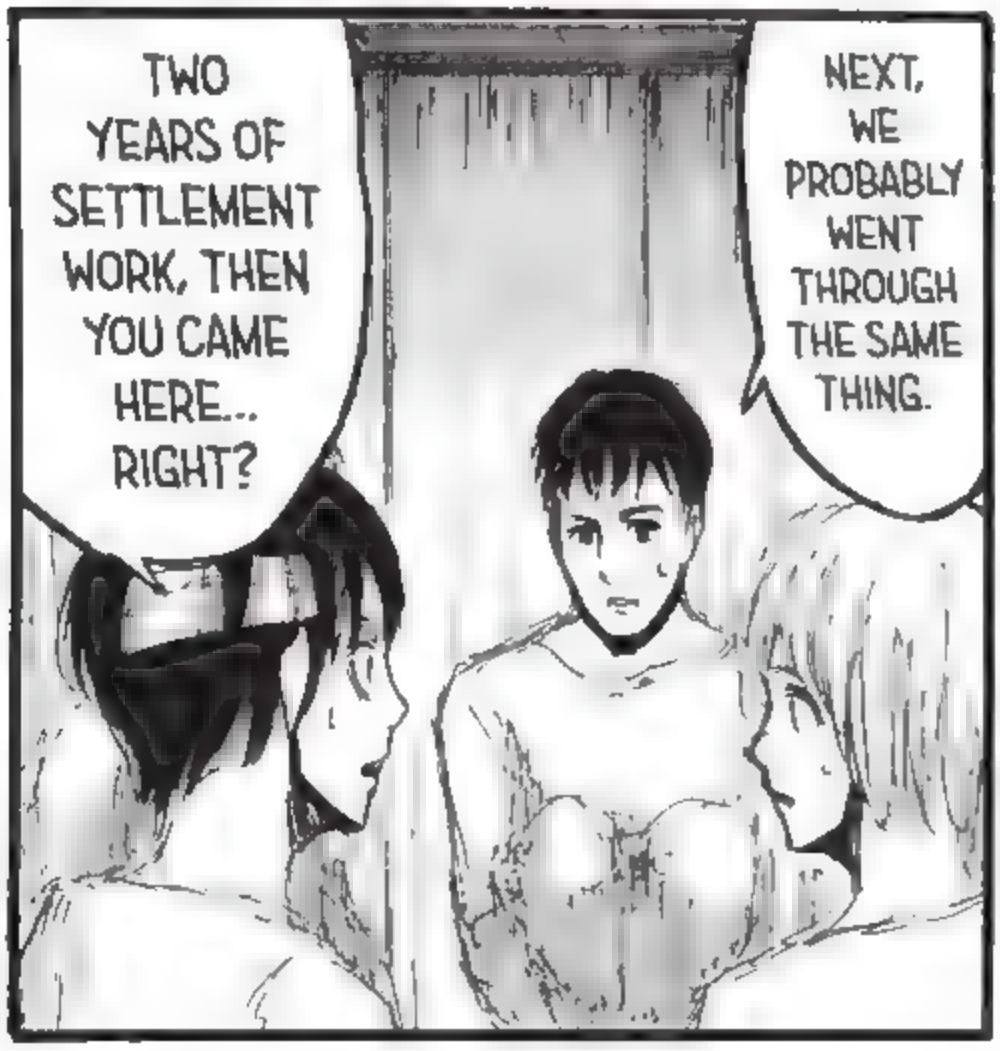
...!!

I'D NEVER HEARD THE GROUND RUMBLE LIKE THAT BEFORE, AND IT KEPT GETTING LOUDER...

REALIZING IT WAS FOOTSTEPS, I HURRIED TO THE WINDOW AND OPENED IT--

IT WAS DAWN... THE LIVESTOCK WERE MAKING A HUGE RACKET.




TWO YEARS OF SETTLEMENT WORK, THEN YOU CAME HERE... RIGHT?
NEXT, WE PROBABLY WENT THROUGH THE SAME THING.


BUT WE GOT ON HORSES AND ESCAPED TO WALL SHEENA.
AFTER THAT... UM, I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER. EVERYBODY WAS PANICKING.

...YOU GUYS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THEM.

THEM ?

UM... MY POINT WAS...

S- SORRY ...

JEEZ... WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THAT FOR?

THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE HERE BECAUSE IT'S THE THING TO DO...

THE ONES HERE WHO DON'T KNOW THE TERROR OF THE TITANS.

STILL, FORGET ABOUT THE SURVEY CORPS. EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE IN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, BUT IF THEY CAN'T, THEY'LL OPT FOR THE GARRISON AND TRY TO GET TRANSFERRED INTO THE BRIGADE...

...YOU'LL BE SWEPT UP IN THE MILITARY CRAZE AFTER THE FALL OF WALL MARIA, AND BECOME A TRAINEE SOLDIER.

BECAUSE IF YOU'RE A PRODUCER GOING ON 12, EVEN IF YOU'RE A WEAK-KNEED COWARD...

HUH ?

I'M JUST AS COWARDLY AS THEY ARE.

AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT, I MIGHT JUST CHUCK IT ALL..

I'M ATHLETIC, SO I CHOSE TO BE A SOLDIER, THINKING I'D USE MY SKILL TO BECOME AN ELITE MP.

...NO WILL OF MY OWN.

I'VE GOT...

AND PROTECTING YOUR OWN LIFE IS ADMIRABLE, TOO.

WELL, YOU DID GO THROUGH A LOT...

I ENVY YOU... FOR HAVING SOMETHING THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN YOUR OWN LIFE...

SO I'M THE CRAZY ONE...

PEOPLE JUST THOUGHT I HAD A SCREW LOOSE.

I'VE BEEN SAYING I WANNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS SINCE BEFORE THE WALL CAME DOWN...

...YOU DIDN'T CHANGE YOUR MIND?

... EVEN AFTER ENCOUN-TERING THE TITANS ...

THEN ...

MM ...?

EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM...

...IS MY NEED TO KILL THEM.

WELL... RIGHT NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN ACTUALLY BECOME A SOLDIER...

...

AND I'M PLENTY TERRIFIED OF THEM. BUT WHAT'S STRONGER THAN THAT...

I HAVE SOME-THING, TOO...

SOMETHING I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO DO...

I HAVE TO GO BACK HOME, EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO GO HOME TO.

THAT PURPOSE IS ALL THAT'S LEFT INSIDE ME...

ALL RIGHT ...

I WILL GO BACK... NO MATTER WHAT.

...

START BY READJUSTING THE BELTS AND TRY AGAIN.

YOU'LL DO FINE TOMORROW...

YEAH. THANKS...

...REINER BRAUN, RIGHT?

I KNOW YOU'VE GOT IT IN YOU...

...EREN YEAGER, IS IT?

FWOOOOO

IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE SETTLEMENT... UNDER-STAND?

YES, SIR!

CONTROL OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR IS THE BARE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO BE A SOLDIER.

ARE YOU READY?

EREN YEAGER...

I MAY NOT BE A NATURAL...

I KNOW I CAN DO THIS!!

I CAN DO THIS!

CREAK

BEGIN

...BUT NO ONE BEATS ME WHEN IT COMES TO WILLPOWER!

BUT THAT'S ALL I HAVE!

CREAK

CREAK

IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH LOGIC!

AND I CAN'T BACK IT UP!


CLICK
THAT'S MY WEAPON!
CLICK
CLICK

OOH!!

GRRRK

GRRRK

I DID IT!!

I'M DOING IT...

GRRRK

GREAK

GREAK

ACK !!

SPIN

CLANG

WHOK

!

GET HIM DOWN.

FLAIL

WAIT ...!

FLAIL

W ...

BRING HIM DOWN, NOW!

I CAN ...

FLAIL FLAIL FLAIL

N- NOT YET !!

FWOOOOO

I...

TRADE BELTS WITH YEAGER.

YES, SIR!

WAGNER ...

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

SUDDENLY... I CAN DO IT...

WHY ?!

W...

CREAK

CREAK

NORMALLY, YOU'RE SUSPENDED FROM THE WAIST, SO EVEN IF YOU FLIP OVER, YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HIT YOUR HEAD ON THE GROUND.

THE METAL FITTING IN THE BELT YOU WERE USING WAS BROKEN.

CREAK

DE-FECTIVE EQUIP-MENT.

I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

WHA ...?!

...BUT YOU'LL NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE MAINTENANCE DONE ON YOUR EQUIPMENT.

CREAK

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ONE OF THESE BREAKING BEFORE...

HUH?

CREAK

NO PROBLEM. ...KEEP PRACTICING.

...

...MY APTI-TUDE SCORE ...

TH-THEN ...

I DID IT!

FWOSH

HOW ABOUT THAT, MIKASA?!

I DID IT!

...!

YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ME AGAIN!!

I CAN DO IT!

I CAN FIGHT THE TITANS!!

HE'S RELIEVED, BECAUSE NOW HE WON'T HAVE TO BE SEPARATED FROM ME...

WRONG.

HIS EYES ARE SAYING, "WHAT'D YOU THINK OF THIS?!"

IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GETTING IT...

AND YET...

HE DOESN'T SEEM TO EXCEL, ESPECIALLY...

COULD ANYONE ELSE HAVE DONE THAT...?

...FOR A FEW MOMENTS THERE, HE MAINTAINED HIS BALANCE WITH THIS BROKEN EQUIPMENT.

CREAK

CREAK

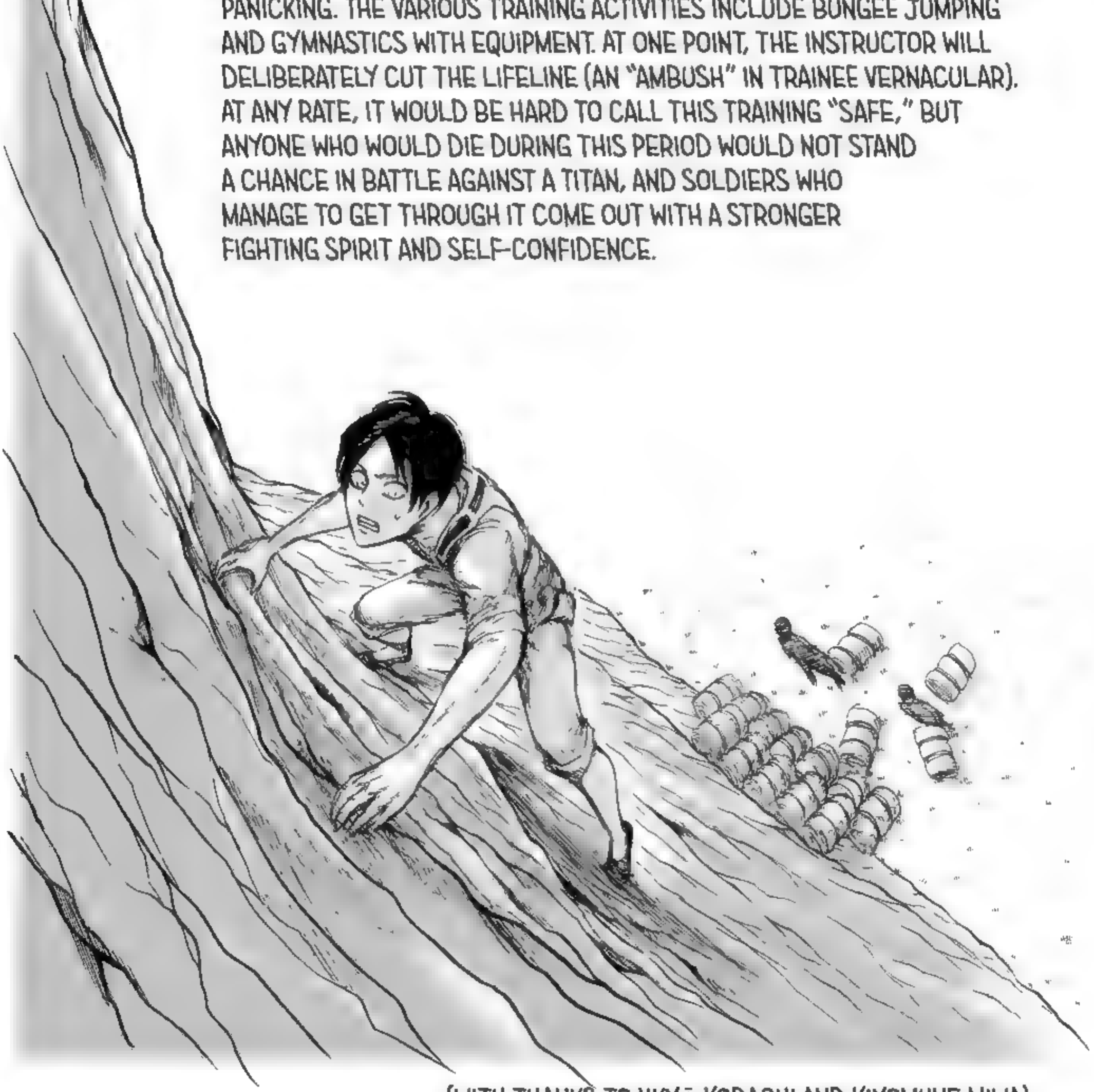
...BECAME A SOLDIER.

GRISHA... TODAY, YOUR SON...

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8. Vertical Maneuvering Equipment Training

HUMANS MOVE IN TWO DIMENSIONS, SO VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT TRAINING, IN WHICH THEY MUST ADAPT TO THREE DIMENSIONS, IS EXTREMELY DEMANDING. PHYSICAL STRENGTH IS MOST IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY LEG STRENGTH, THOUGH THE ABILITY TO ADAPT TO G FORCES (WHICH WOMEN PARTICULARLY EXCEL AT) AND A GRASP OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL SPACE ARE ALSO VITAL. WHEN IN MIDAIR, ONE MUST QUICKLY ASSESS THE SITUATION AND SURROUNDINGS, WHILE UNCOMMON WILLPOWER IS REQUIRED TO KEEP FROM PANICKING. THE VARIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BUNGEE JUMPING AND GYMNASTICS WITH EQUIPMENT. AT ONE POINT, THE INSTRUCTOR WILL DELIBERATELY CUT THE LIFELINE (AN "AMBUSH" IN TRAINEE VERNACULAR). AT ANY RATE, IT WOULD BE HARD TO CALL THIS TRAINING "SAFE," BUT ANYONE WHO WOULD DIE DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD NOT STAND A CHANCE IN BATTLE AGAINST A TITAN, AND SOLDIERS WHO MANAGE TO GET THROUGH IT COME OUT WITH A STRONGER FIGHTING SPIRIT AND SELF-CONFIDENCE.



(WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI AND KIYOMUNE MIWA)

DAKDAK

DASH

HNGH
!!

SWISH

Episode 17:
Delusions of Strength

WHUMP

Two years after beginning training

YOU'RE USED TO GRAP-PLING, AREN'T YOU?

SORRY ... I'VE GOT BAD CON-TROL.

YEESH... I THOUGHT I WAS TOO BIG FOR YOU TO FLIP ONTO THE GROUND...

OW... C'MON, THIS TIME YOU BE THE BAD GUY.

IT'S NOT LIKE SOLDIERS FIGHT **PEOPLE.**

STILL... I DON'T GET THIS TRAIN-ING.

HUH ...

BACK WHEN I LIVED IN THE CITY, I PLAYED WITH THIS HUGE KID...

IN THE FIRST PLACE, ONLY A FOOL WOULD GO AFTER AN ATTACKER BARE-HANDED.

DON'T LET THE INSTRUC-TOR HEAR YOU SAY THAT...

AND THESE COMBAT SKILLS... EVEN IF THEY WORKED IN REAL LIFE, IT'D JUST BE SHEER LUCK.

WE DON'T LEARN ANYTHING USING A WOODEN KNIFE.

OF ALL THE IRRE-SPON-SIBLE ...

RUN AWAY, OF COURSE!

OKAY, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IN THAT SITUA-TION?

...IT USUALLY DOESN'T END WELL.

THE TRUTH IS...

...

IT'S NOT CHILD'S PLAY.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.

BUT I STILL THINK IT'S IRRESPON-SIBLE.

...

WE'RE SOLDIERS, AREN'T WE?

WHEN THE PEOPLE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT ARE THREATENED, WE HAVE TO ENTER THE FRAY AND SHIELD THEM.

THERE ARE TIMES WE CAN'T RUN AWAY, NO MATTER HOW BAD THE ODDS ARE.

AS STRONG SOLDIERS.

...OUR RE-SPON-SIBIL-ITY...

I THINK THAT'S ...

AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO OR WHAT THE ENEMY IS. WE NEED TO MASTER SKILLS AND GET STRONGER, WITH ARTILLERY AS WELL AS HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.

EVEN BACK THEN...

I'M A KID WHO ONLY KNOWS HOW TO SPOUT OUT HIS OWN FEELINGS.

THE KID HERE ...

...IS ME.

...

MM?

MM?

HEY... LOOK AT HER...

THE RESPONSI-BILITY THAT COMES WITH POWER... I'D NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

BACK TO TRAIN-ING!

SORRY... I DIDN'T MEAN TO LECTURE YOU LIKE SOME KNOW-IT-ALL...

...

I'M GONNA TEACH ANNIE HOW TO DEAL WITH A DAGGER, TOO.

HUH ?

I'VE GOT IT, EREN.

THE INSTRUCTOR NEVER CATCHES HER SLACKING OFF.

OH... ANNIE ...

...ON HOW A SOLDIER SHOULD BEHAVE, AND I'LL BE THE ONE TO GIVE IT TO HER!

THAT SLOUCH IS THE ONE WHO REALLY NEEDS THE LECTURE...

...

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

...I SUGGEST YOU RECALL THE FIRST DAY YOU ARRIVED, AND GET SERIOUS.

BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET ANY SHORTER THAN YOU ALREADY ARE...

DO YOU LIKE THE INSTRUC-TOR'S HEAD-BUTTS?

ACK...!

...

HUH? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOU-

FWISH

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO, EREN!

SHE'S FURIOUS ...

SHE ALWAYS LOOKS TICKED OFF... BUT THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO RIGHT NOW...

ANNIE ?

!

YOU REMEMBER HOW IT'S DONE?

WE'RE PRACTICING THE FORMAL WAY TO DEAL WITH AN EDGED WEAPON.

SHE

DASH

HERE I COME !

TAP

KRAK

NH?!

!!

WHUMP

WOBBLE

CAN I GO NOW?

OW ...

THROB

YOU... KICKED MY LEG?

QUIVER QUIVER

WHAT WAS THAT ?!

NGAH ..

...HEY!! WAIT A SECOND!

NOT YET! WE TRAIN UNTIL YOU TAKE AWAY THE DAGGER FROM YOUR OPPONENT!

THERE'S A WAY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THIS!

ANNIE, WAIT!

WOBBLE

WOBBLE

CHFF

WHOA ...!!

...

MMGH !!

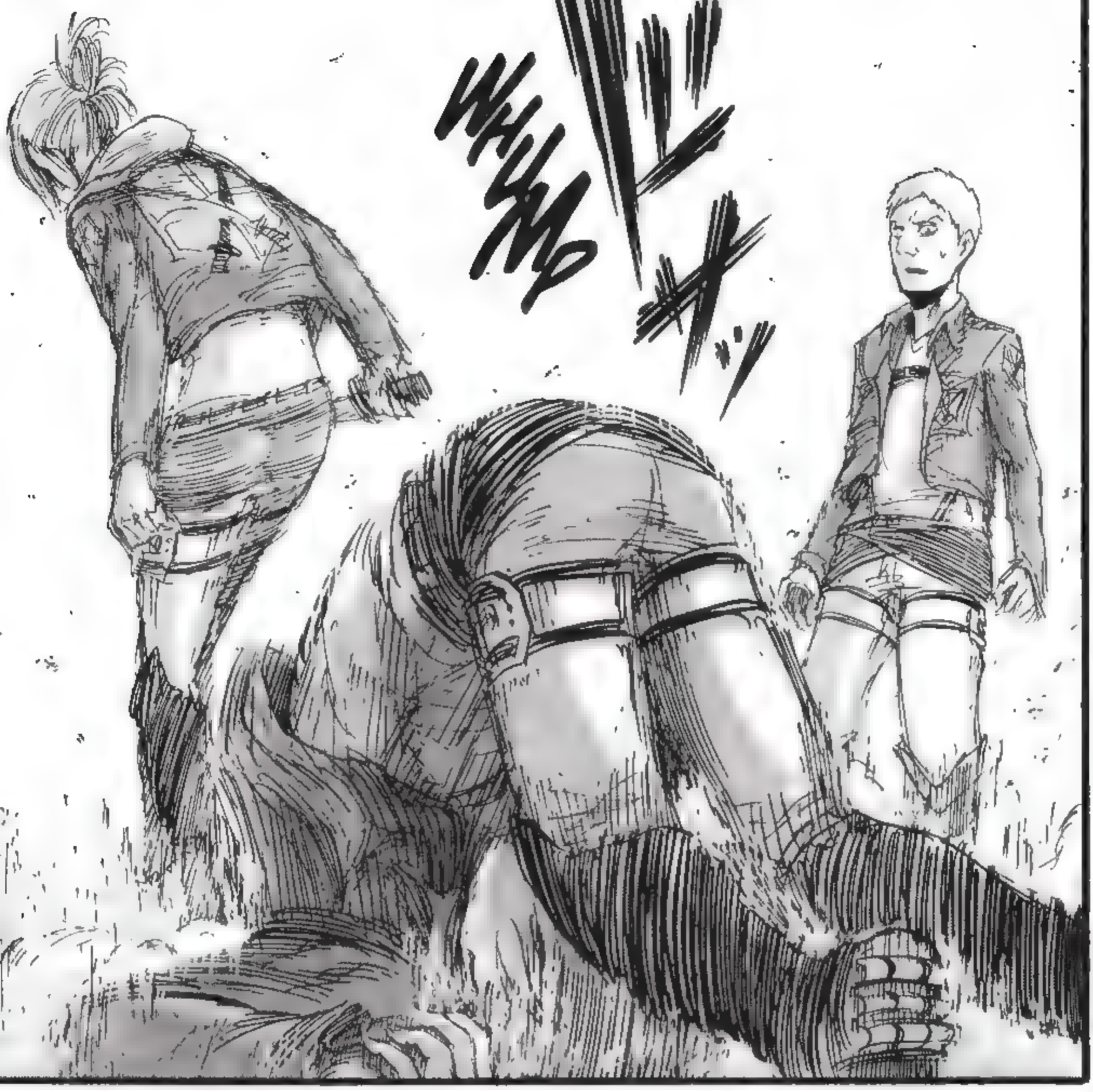
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UNH !!

KRAK

SPIN

PUNCH




!
FWIP
HERE.


...

GIN

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NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO ATTACK ME.

GIN

GET HER, REINER!

I'M ...

CHFF

CHFF

N-NO ...

...

THIS IS ONE OF 'EM.

YEAH... THERE ARE TIMES A SOLDIER CAN NEVER BACK DOWN.

...OF BEING A SOLDIER, RIGHT?

YOU'RE GONNA TEACH HER THE RESPONSI-BILITY...

!!

...

DONNNNG

...!

YOUR TECH-NIQUE'S INCRED-IBLE.

...

REINER'S NEARLY TWICE YOUR SIZE AND YOU SENT HIM FLYING...

...

MY FATHER...

...

SOMEBODY TAUGHT YOU, RIGHT?

NONE OF IT HAS ANY MEANING.

HUH?

IT DOESN'T MATTER...

...

DID HE COME UP WITH THOSE MOVES?

NOD

YOU MEAN THIS TRAINING? IT'S MEANING-LESS...?

...

LOOK AT HOW THE PASSIONATE APPLICANTS FOR INTERIOR DUTY, INCLUDING ME, TREAT IT...

THIS ONE-ON-ONE COMBAT DOESN'T COUNT FOR ANY POINTS.

...OR ACT LIKE IDIOTS.

THE OTHERS EITHER TAKE IT REAL SERIOUSLY, LIKE YOU GUYS...

THEY USE THIS TIME TO UNWIND AFTER THE ROUGH TRAINING EARLIER...

FWISH

UH-OH! THE INSTRUC-TOR!

FWISH

AH ...

!!

SEE, I'M NOT AIMING TO BE A GREAT SOLDIER. I JUST WANT THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN THE INTERIOR.

ANYWAY... VERTICAL MANEUVERING SKILLS ARE WORTH A LOT OF POINTS, SO THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT.

HOW D'YOU THINK IT GOT TO BE SUCH A FARCE?

WHY IS IT THAT IN THIS WORLD THE PEOPLE WITH THE BEST ABILITY TO OPPOSE THE TITANS GET THE PRIVILEGE OF STAYING FAR AWAY FROM THEM?

!

SHF

GOOD QUESTION!

!

AWK

MM ...

TREMBLE

UNH ...!

PERHAPS IT'S HUMAN NATURE...?

WHUMP

FWISH

WHOA!

EVEN AS A KID, I KNEW IT WAS CRAP... BUT DAD MADE ME LEARN THESE POINTLESS MOVES, AND I WAS TOO YOUNG TO DEFY HIM...

CARRIED AWAY WITH IDEALS THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH REALITY...

MY FATHER WAS LIKE YOU TWO...

...IN THIS PATHETIC WORLD!

...WHO ENJOYS PLAYING SOLDIER...

SHE

I REFUSE TO BE ONE OF THOSE MORONS...

SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE JUST NOT MEANT TO BE A SOLDIER...

...

CHFF

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

OF COURSE, THAT KIND OF MOVE CAN'T BE PULLED OFF BY JUST ANYONE...

...

THAT WAY YOU USE THE INERTIA AND DON'T CONSUME AS MUCH FUEL.

AT TIMES LIKE THAT YOU SHOULD REV IT UP, JUST FOR A SECOND.

TO KEEP THE TECHNIQUES FROM DYING OUT, THEY HAD TO RAISE THEIR VALUE BY PROMISING PEOPLE A LIFE IN THE INTERIOR. BUT THEY'VE KEPT THAT UP EVEN AFTER WE LOST A WALL, SO NOW EVERYONE'S TRYING TO GET IN...

...SO NO INNOVATIONS WERE MADE AND THE PRACTICE WENT INTO DECLINE.

EREN'S RIGHT. BEFORE THE FALL OF WALL MARIA, VERTICAL MANEUVERING TECHNIQUES WERE ONLY NECESSARY FOR THE RELATIVELY FEW SOLDIERS IN THE SURVEY CORPS. .

IT REALLY IS A FARCE...

EREN, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

THEY'RE THINKING UP WAYS TO BOOST TITAN-KILLING TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO STAY AWAY FROM THE TITANS...

AT THIS RATE, SOON THEY WILL...

DOESN'T MEAN I WANT WORD TO GET AROUND! THEN COMPETI-TION'LL GET TOUGHER.

BUT JUST 'CAUSE I'M REALLY GOOD WITH VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING...

WHAT, EREN?

JEAN ...

HEY ...

THIS PLAN TO IMPROVE TITAN-KILLING TECHNIQUES BY PROMISING A LIFE FAR AWAY FROM THE TITANS...

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S CRAZY?

DAMN IT...

AFTER ALL, THEY KEEP THIS STUPID PLAN AROUND FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME.

BUT THAT'S REALITY, SO ALL I CAN DO IS GO WITH THE FLOW.

...

WELL.. YOU MAY HAVE A POINT...

WHAT, JEALOUS BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT?!

RATTLE

YOU SON OF A BITCH!!

WHY DON'T THEY GIVE IT A REST...

NOT AGAIN!

RATTLE

THERE THEY GO AGAIN!

BUZZ

I MEAN ...

WELL, DON'T COMPLAIN TO ME...

CHFF

WHEN EVERYONE WITH ANY POTENTIAL SHUTS THEMSELVES UP IN THE INTERIOR!!

TELL ME HOW TO BEAT THE TITANS...

LOOK !!

RATTLE

HUH ?!?

I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU...!!

CRAB

...MY CLOTHES ARE GONNA RIP!!

YOU GRAB ME LIKE THAT...

...ASS-HOLE.

QUIVER QUIVER

!

IF YOU DON'T BACK OFF...

QUIVER

WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?

I ENVY YOU!

WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR CLOTHES?!

HE WAS...

...I SEE...

I'M...

BUT I'M DIFFERENT NOW...

QUIVER

LIKE I DID BEFORE..

...JUST VENTING HIS FEELINGS.

...A SOLDIER!

QUIVER

WHAP

THAK

WHAP

I'LL USE MY SKILLS TO FINISH THIS.

SWISH

OW...!

THUD

UHCCCCHH

...WHILE YOU WERE LYING AROUND.

...WAS A MOVE I LEARNED THE HARD WAY...

THAT...

FWISH

JACKASS!! WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

...YOU CALL YOUR-SELF...

HOW CAN...

YOU SAY REALITY IS LIVING AN EASY LIFE AND GIVING IN TO YOUR FEELINGS?

...A SOLDIER?

KA-CHK

!!

?!

WHAT'D YOU SAY ABOUT BEING A SOL-DIER?

TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE

CAN ANYONE GIVE ME AN EXPLANATION...?

I JUST HEARD A LOUD NOISE IN HERE...

CREAK

SHF

TAK

TAK

HUH ?!

IT WAS SASHA LETTING OUT A HUGE FART.

LEARN SOME SELF-CONTROL.

CREAK

!!

YOU AGAIN, EH...?

THAT WAS CLOSE, JEAN.

...

...IT'S NOT OVER BETWEEN US.

THE TROUBLE IS...

...OVER A STUPID FIGHT!

YOU ALMOST LOST YOUR CHANCE TO BECOME AN MP...

I HAVE AN IDEA.

BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE CARE OF THIS HERE...

I'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE READY.

WE HAVE TIME TO SCUFFLE OUT IN THE OPEN, DON'T WE?

HEY, ANNIE ...

...

HE'S DOING IT SO HE CAN PAY YOU BACK.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S WORKING HARD TO BECOME A GREAT SOLDIER.

...NO, NOT REALLY...

DOES IT LOOK TO YOU LIKE JEAN IS SLACKING OFF?

...HE *IS* SERIOUS ABOUT LEARNING THE MOVES.

OH, I'M SURE ...

BUT ...

THAT'S MY DAUGHTER!!

THUD

THUD

WELL DONE, ANNIE!

HAH ...

IT SUCKED.

NOT EVEN CLOSE.

I WAS JUST IMITATING WHAT YOU DID, BUT IT WORKED PERFECTLY!

ANYWAY, WHAT'D YOU THINK OF MY KICK?

...I WOULDN'T MIND TEACHING IT TO YOU.

IF YOU LIKE IT THAT MUCH ...

...

WHAT WAS WRONG WITH IT?

SE-RI-OUS-LY...?

FWOOO

OOOOOO

IT REALLY HURTS...

HUH? NO THANKS!

OH PLEASE, I INSIST.

WHACK

Current Publicly Available Information

9. Ultrahard Steel

THIS STEEL IS ONLY PRODUCED AT FACTORY TOWNS. IT COMBINES TOUGHNESS AND FLEXIBILITY TO SLICE THROUGH TITAN FLESH, AND IT'S CURRENTLY THE ONLY MATERIAL CAPABLE OF THAT. AS SUCH, THE SINGLE-EDGED SWORD, A SPECIALLY CREASED FORGED BLADE, IS KNOWN FAR AND WIDE AS AN ANTI-TITAN WEAPON. BLAST FURNACES ARE ESSENTIAL TO REFINE "ULTRAHARD STEEL," WHICH IS WHY IT CAN ONLY BE PRODUCED IN FACTORY TOWNS. THE FORGING PROCESS REQUIRES VERY SMALL QUANTITIES OF SEVERAL RARE METALS, BUT EXACTLY WHICH ONES AND IN WHAT RATIOS HAVE BECOME SECRETS KNOWN ONLY TO RESIDENTS OF THOSE TOWNS.

(WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI AND KIYOMUNE MIWA)



FSSSSSHHH

Episode 18: What Should I Do Now?

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE ONLY ONE NOT CARRYING A PACK?!

IS IT TOO HEAVY FOR YOU?!

FSSSSSHHH

DAMN

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE BEHIND!

WHAT'S WRONG, ARLERT?

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

GIVE ME THAT, ARMIN!

REINER...

HOIST

TA TA TA

SH...

SHIT...

HA...

AT LEAST UNTIL I CHANGE MY MIND!

MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET CAUGHT ...!

...THEN YOU'LL FAIL, TOO!

B-BUT IF YOU HELP ME...

AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL FAIL!

REINER BRAUN... HE'S STRONG AS AN OX AND HAS THE WILL TO MATCH.

BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, HE'S EARNED THE TRUST OF HIS COMRADES.

...

FSSSSSHH

WHA ...?! HEY!

DASH

EVEN IF I DIE TRY-ING!

I WON'T BE A BURDEN!

...

FSOSH

TA TA TA TA

ARMIN ARLERT... WHEN IT COMES TO PHYSICAL STRENGTH, HE DOESN'T MEASURE UP TO SOLDIER STANDARDS.

BUT I HEAR THAT IN THE CLASSROOM LECTURES, HE'S SHOWN EXTRA-ORDINARY IMAGINATION.

TA TA TA TA

IF HE ACQUIRED A SENSE OF DIRECTION...

OR PERHAPS...

GRRRNM

GRRRMM

WHOOSH

SHIT!

ANNIE AND BERTOLT GOT IT AGAIN...

WHOOSH

SLASH

SLASH

SKRKCH SKRKCH

BERTOLT HOOVER... HE'S MASTERED EVERY SINGLE SKILL THAT'S BEEN TAUGHT... AND I BELIEVE HE HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL.

...BUT HE LACKS DRIVE AND TENDS TO LEAVE DECISIONS TO OTHERS.

ANNIE LEONHART... THE ANGLE OF APPROACH OF HER SLASHING ATTACK IS IMPECCABLE... SHE CARVES DEEPLY INTO THE TARGET.

PERSONALITY-WISE, SHE TENDS TO BE A LONER AND HAS TROUBLE COOPERATING.

FWOOOO

...I'LL HAVE TO EARN POINTS BY FINDING THE "TITANS" FIRST!

AT THIS RATE ...

I CAN'T CUT AS DEEP AS HER...

I'LL BE THE ONE IN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE!

FWOOOO

!

!!

FOUND ONE ..

JEAN KIRSTEIN... HE HAS A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT AND EXCELS AT EXPLOITING THAT SKILL...

HE CAN ALSO TAKE IN A SITUATION AT A MOMENT'S GLANCE, BUT HIS PERSONALITY IS LIKE A DRAWN SWORD, WHICH TENDS TO CREATE CONFLICT.

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

?!

THIS TIME, I'LL BE THE ONE TO...

TAILING HIM WAS A GOOD IDEA!

THAT BAS-TARD ...

CON-NIE!!

CONNIE SPRINGER... HE HAS A FINE SENSE OF BALANCE AND IS EFFECTIVE AT VERTICAL MANEUVERING.

HOWEVER, HE'S GOT A SLOW MIND AND OFTEN MAKES STRATEGIC MISTAKES.

THAK

THANKS, JEAN!

THAK

WHA ...?!

SASHA !!

GOT IT!!

WHOOSH

SLASH

?!

FOLLOWING YOU FROM ABOVE PAID OFF, CONNIE!

WHAT THE HELL ?!

SASHA BLOUSE... SHE MOVES QUICKLY AND HAS REMARKABLE INSTINCTS...

...BUT SHE HAS ISSUES WITH STRUCTURE, MAKING HER ILL-SUITED FOR ORGANIZED ACTIVITY.

YEAH, SASHA! QUIT FOLLOW-ING US!

DAMN IT! QUIT FOLLOWING ME!

FWOOOOOO

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MIKASA ACKERMAN... SHE'S MASTERED EVERY SINGLE DIFFICULT SUBJECT PERFECTLY.

HER TALENT IS HISTORICALLY UNPRECEDENTED, MAKING HER THE MOST VALUABLE OF THEM ALL.

EREN YEAGER... THOUGH PROFICIENT AT BAREHANDED FIGHTING, HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY OTHER SKILLS...

...BUT HE POSSESSES A SENSE OF PURPOSE THAT'S TWICE AS STRONG AS ANYONE ELSE'S. THROUGH CONSTANT EFFORT, HIS GRADES HAVE STEADILY IMPROVED.

THAK

STAB

UNF!

CRAP

FWOOOO OOO OO OO

THAT WAS DIRTY, YOU JERKS.

I DIDN'T TAKE YOU FOR A WHINER, JEAN.

IS THERE A RULE AGAINST STEALING SOMEBODY ELSE'S PREY?

DIRTY ?

?

I FOUND THE TARGET FIRST...

OH, WELL... AT LEAST NOBODY GOT HURT DURING THE TEST.

PFFT... I DON'T UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN HUNTING THEIR WHOLE LIVES!

YEAH! IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR LETTING US GET TO IT!

EVEN WHEN YOU FOUND THE TARGET FIRST, IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE YOU LET OTHER PEOPLE SCORE THE POINTS...

HEY, MARCO?

...

MMM...

DON'T YOU WANT POINTS?

YOU WANNA GET INTO THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, RIGHT?

...BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT ACTUAL FIGHTING.

I THINK COMPETI-TION IS NECESSARY IN THE GROUP TO RAISE OUR SKILL LEVELS...

...EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...

AND EVEN THOUGH I'VE WANTED TO JOIN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...

EVEN THOUGH THAT'S POINTLESS IN A TEST THAT MEASURES OUR ABILITY TO KILL...

I'M THE SLOWEST ONE HERE, SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD ATTRACT THE TITAN'S ATTENTION AND LET THE OTHERS TAKE THEM DOWN FROM BEHIND.

HUH ?

I SEE... IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE A NATURAL LEADER.

I'D WANNA BE IN A SQUAD THAT YOU WERE LEADING.

THAT KIND OF EFFICIENT THINKING AND QUICK-WITTEDNESS...

I THINK IT SUITS YOU.

YOU THINK ...?

Y ...

I HAVE A FEELING I'D SURVIVE THAT WAY.

I WANNA BE IN MARCO'S SQUAD, TOO.

HOLD ON...

THEN I THINK I'D BE DEAD WITHIN 10 SECONDS...

IN ANY CASE, I'D WANT TO AVOID BEING IN A SQUAD WITH A SUICIDAL BLOCKHEAD.

I'D JUMP ON THE MARCO BANDWAGON.

A SQUAD FOR A HYPO-THETICAL RAID ON TROST DIS-TRICT?

OH, JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND CONFESS YOUR LOVE ALREADY, JEAN.

BLOCK HEAD?

OKAY, OKAY, YOU TWO.

TAKE A WILD GUESS.

JUST WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

...

AHHH... I'M WORN OUT...

...YOU SHUT UP TOO, CONNIE.

HEY, JEAN? I DON'T REMEMBER LEARNING A MOVE CALLED SUICIDAL BLOCK HEAD...

?! ...I THOUGHT EVERYBODY HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT!

SHUT IT, POTATO GIRL...

RATTLE ガラ

RATTLE ガラ

I'M NOT BRAVE IN THE LEAST.

ME? YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.

CHFF

JEAN, I THINK YOU'D MAKE A BETTER LEADER THAN ME.

CHFF

CHFF

MMM

WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

...BUT JEAN...

DON'T GET MAD WHEN YOU HEAR THIS...

...
HEY.

...MARCO?

IS THAT...

TRAINEE, DO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?

... BUT ...

I WASN'T GONNA LOOK...

...

WHAT HAP- PENED?

... MARCO ...

...TO HIM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HAP- PENED...

...SEE WHAT HAP- PENED HERE?

ANY- BODY ...

SOME- BODY ...

S...

IF YOU KNOW IT, ANSWER ME RIGHT NOW.

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

TWO DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE WALL WAS PLUGGED UP WITH THE ROCK.

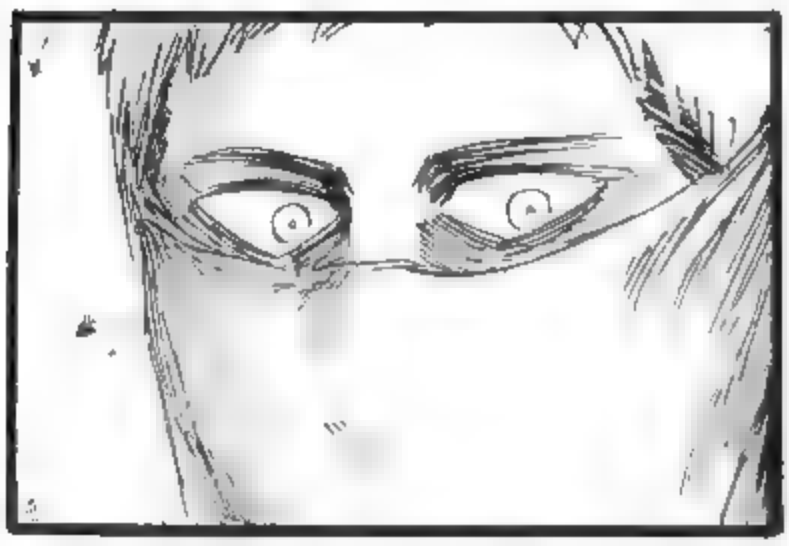
...TRAINEE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

WE HAVE TO PREVENT A SECONDARY DISASTER.

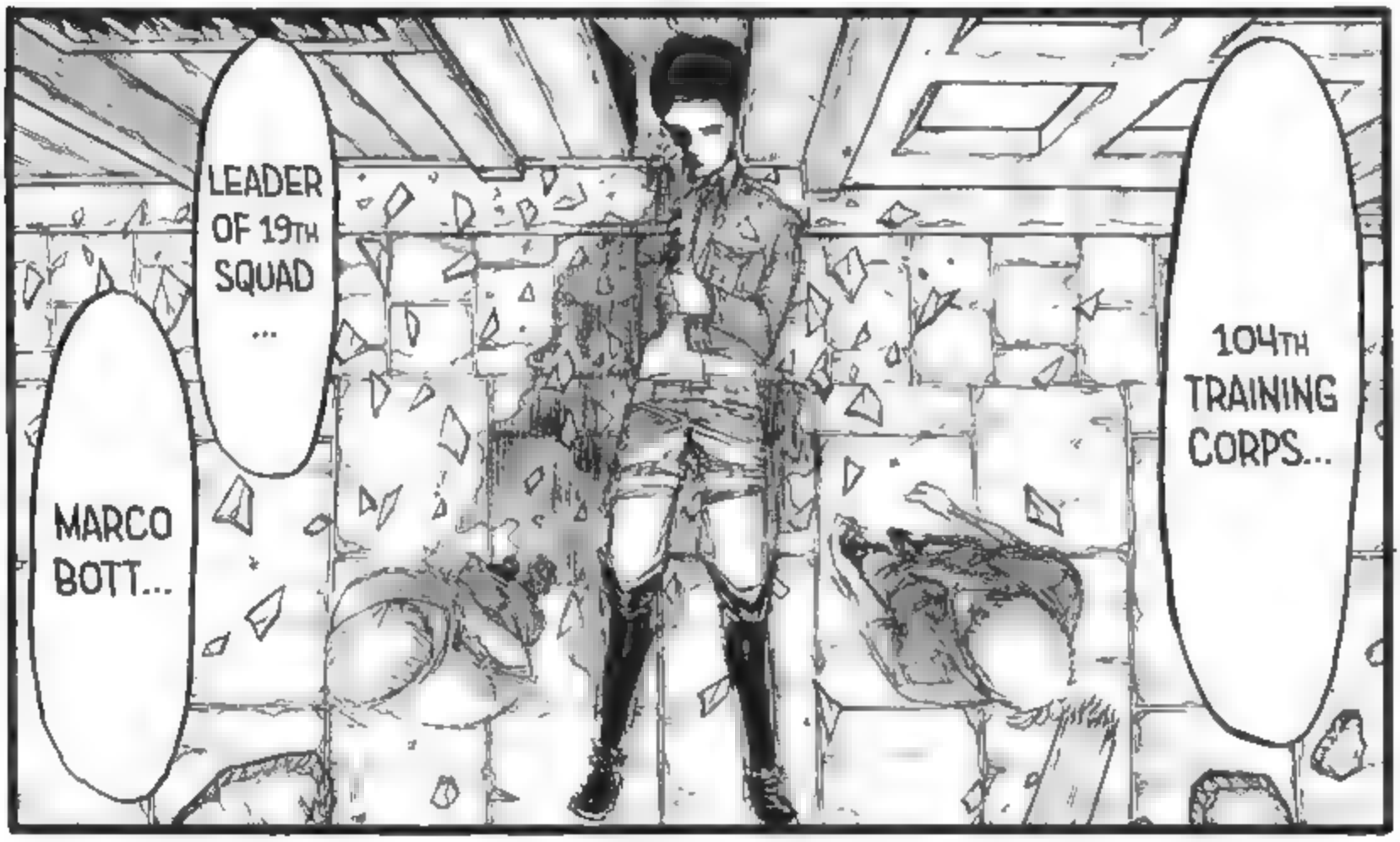
AT THIS RATE, THERE'S A RISK OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

BUT WE'RE STILL COLLECTING BODIES.






GOT IT?
RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO TIME TO MOURN YOUR FALLEN COMRADES.


MARCO BOTT...
LEADER OF 19TH SQUAD ...
104TH TRAINING CORPS...




LET'S CONTINUE WORKING.
MARCO... IT'S GOOD YOU KNOW HIS NAME.


SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

WHAT **IS** THIS...?

...SO ONCE THEY'VE HAD THEIR FILL, THEY UPCHUCK ALL THE BODIES LIKE THIS.

I GUESS THEY DON'T HAVE INTESTINAL TRACTS...

TITAN PUKE...

ULP ...

WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL WHO'S WHO LIKE THIS!

SHIT...

... OH GOD ...

I'M SORRY ...

I'M SORRY ...

OOOOOOOOO

OOO

...

AFTER ALL THE TRAINING WE DID...

LET'S HURRY UP AND GET THE FUNERAL OVER WITH.

THERE'S NO POINT IN APOLOGIZ-ING.

HORSE-BACK RIDING...

ENDURANCE RUNS...

UNARMED COMBAT...

LECTURES ON STRATEGY...

TECH-NICAL SKILLS...

VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING...

...SO MUCH...

WE DID...

WE WORKED SO HARD...

BWOOOO

OOOOSSH

WAS IT ALL.. FOR NOTHING ...?

CRACK!

WE ALL REGRET IT.

FWOOOOSH

HEY... MARCO...

IF WE'D KNOWN WE WERE GOING TO BE DROPPED INTO HELL LIKE THIS, WE WOULDN'T HAVE CHOSEN TO BECOME SOLDIERS.

RIGHT NOW, WHEN WE'RE EXHAUSTED AND CAN'T GO ON... THAT'S THE ONLY THING IN OUR HEADS.

...WHICH BONES ARE YOURS.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW...

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHO'S NEXT.

IF I HADN'T MET YOU GUYS...

OOOOO

IF I HADN'T BECOME A SOLDIER...

OOO

I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT, ASSHOLE.

I KNOW I HAVE TO FIGHT...

...THAT YOU'RE GONNA GIVE UP WORKING ON WAYS TO FIGHT THEM?

DO YOU WANNA BE TITAN FOOD SO BAD ...

NOT EVERY-BODY...

BUT I'M NOT GONNA TURN INTO AN IDIOT LIKE YOU...

...BUT JEAN...

DON'T GET MAD WHEN YOU HEAR THIS...

...IS STRONG LIKE YOU.

...YOU'RE NOT A STRONG PERSON...

...SO YOU CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW WEAK PEOPLE FEEL.

...WHAT THE HELL?

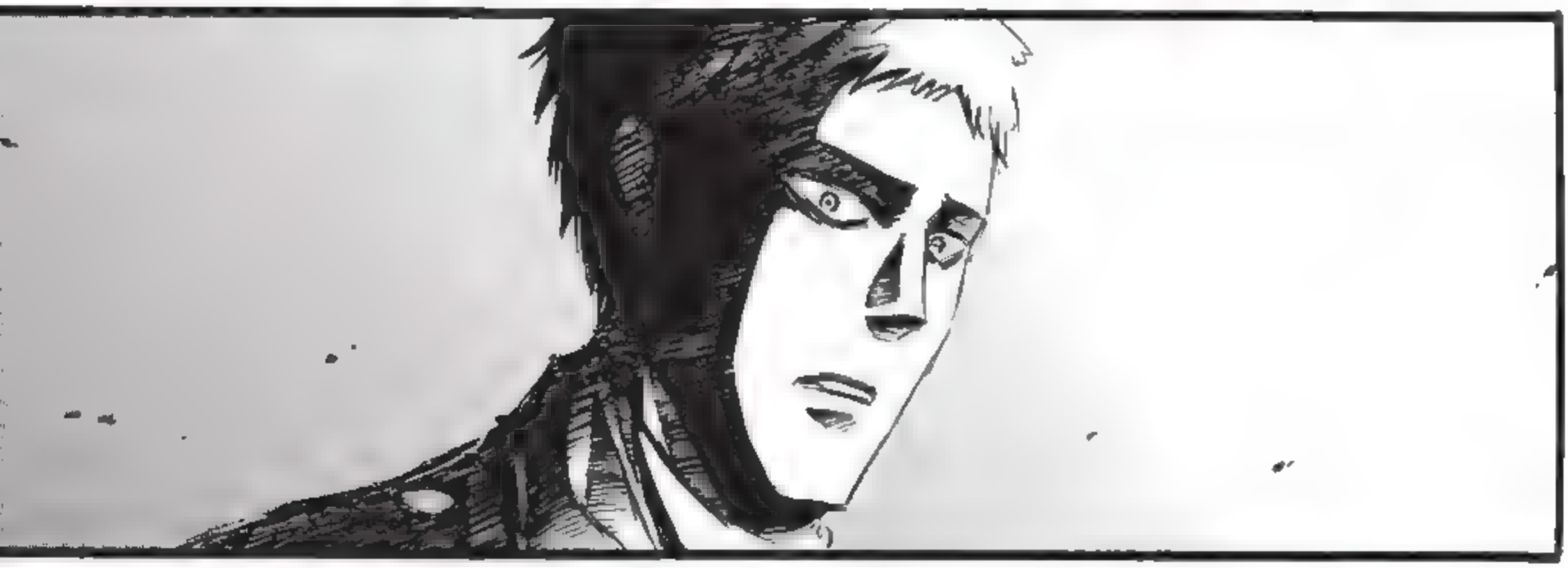
BUT YOU'RE ALSO GOOD AT RECOGNIZING WHAT'S GOING ON AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT.

YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

...NO MATTER HOW TOUGH IT WAS, I'D DO MY DAMNEDEST TO CARRY IT OUT.

BUT IF I GOT AN ORDER FROM SOMEONE WHO SAW THINGS LIKE I DO...

I MEAN... MOST HUMANS ARE WEAK, INCLUDING ME...





CHFF

CHFF

HEY... YOU GUYS...

CHFF

CHFF

FWISH

CHFF

...YOU'RE GONNA APPLY TO?

CHFF

HAVE YOU DECIDED WHICH BRANCH OF THE MILITARY ...

I...

I'VE DE-CIDED.

I'M...

QUIVER QUIVER

...

I'M GONNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS.

ALL DAY, THE CANNONS FIXED ON THE WALL NEVER STOPPED FIRING.

IT TOOK A FULL DAY TO MOP UP THE REMAINING TITANS WHO'D BEEN SEALED UP INSIDE TROST DISTRICT.

THOSE LEFT AFTER THAT WERE ELIMINATED BY THE SURVEY CORPS.

MOST OF THE TITANS SWARMING AROUND THE WALL WERE KILLED WITH HIGH-EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES...

AND THE LAST TWO TITANS WERE SUCCESS-FULLY CAPTURED ALIVE.

AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE THREE DAYS YOU WERE IN A COMA...

...

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

EREN...

U-UM ...

...AND CAPTAIN LEVI.

COMMANDER ERWIN...

THE TOP LEADER OF THE SURVEY CORPS...

WHERE AM I?

...

WE WERE FINALLY GRANTED THE RIGHT TO SEE YOU A FEW MINUTES AGO.

TWITCH

ビク

YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE.

LET'S JUST SAY YOU'RE IN A DUNGEON, AS YOU CAN SEE.

...

JINGLE

NOT ONLY THOSE TWO, BUT ANYONE WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR PAST.

WE'RE TALK-ING TO THEM.

ALSO... WHERE ARE THE TRAINEES I WAS WITH?!

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NOW?!

AH ...

FWISH

...ISN'T MUCH DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING.

FSH

WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO FROM HERE ON OUT...

I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU LATER.

YES... IT'S YOURS.

THAT KEY...

YES... OR AT LEAST... THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER SAID.

AM I RIGHT ?

...HOLDS THE SECRET OF THE TITANS.

...OF THE HOUSE WHERE YOU WERE BORN, DR. YEAGER'S HOUSE IN SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT...

THE BASE-MENT...

LEVI... WE'VE ALREADY REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT HE HAS NO REASON TO LIE.

THAT'S A VERY CONVE-NIENT STORY...

YOU HAVE AMNESIA, AND YOUR FATHER IS MISSING...

...!

MY INTEN-TIONS?

...IS ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR INTENTIONS.

THERE'S SO MUCH WE STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND... BUT WHAT I THINK WE SHOULD DO RIGHT NOW...

BUT IT WOULD TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES TO PLUG THE HOLE IN THAT WALL QUICKLY.

WE'D NEED YOUR TITAN STRENGTH.

TO INVESTIGATE YOUR OLD HOME, WE'D NEED TO TAKE BACK SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT ON WALL MARIA.

PERHAPS THE "COLOSSUS TITAN" AND THE "ARMORED TITAN" ARE THE SAME TYPE AS YOU...

OUR FATE RIDES ON A TITAN, IT SEEMS.

I...

...

I...

グラ

SHUDDER

THE KEY TO FREEING THE HUMAN RACE FROM THIS DESPAIR.

YOUR WILL IS THE **KEY.**

HEY... ANSWER THE MAN, SCUM.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO DO?

SHIVER SHIVER

I JUST WANT TO...

...ENTER THE SURVEY CORPS AND KILL TITANS.

NOT BAD...

HUH ...

RATTLE

TAK TAK

ERWIN ...

I'LL TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY FOR HIM.

SEND THAT MESSAGE TO THE MUCKY-MUCKS.

AND IF HE BETRAYS ME OR GOES OUT OF CONTROL, I'LL PUT HIM DOWN IMMEDIATELY.

IT'S NOT LIKE I TRUST HIM.

...INTO THE SURVEY CORPS.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL ACCEPT YOU...

...BECAUSE NOBODY BUT ME IS SUITED FOR THE JOB.

UPSTAIRS SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT...

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